

HOUSE BILL NO. 178

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Introduced: 2/24/93

Referred: Health, Education & Social Services, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act adding children under the age of 21 who are eligible for adoption
2 assistance because of special needs to the optional Medicaid coverage list and
3 revising the order of priority in which groups eligible for optional Medicaid
4 coverage are eliminated; and providing for an effective date."

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

6 * Section 1. AS 47.07.020(b) is amended to read:

7 (b) In addition to the persons specified in (a) of this section, the following
8 optional groups of persons for whom the state may claim federal financial participation
9 are eligible for medical assistance:

10 (1) persons eligible for but not receiving assistance under any plan of
11 the state approved under 42 U.S.C. 601 - 615 (Title IV-A, Social Security Act, Aid to
12 Families with Dependent Children) or 42 U.S.C. 1381 - 1383c (Title XVI, Social
13 Security Act, Supplemental Security Income);

14 (2) persons in a general hospital, skilled nursing facility, or intermediate

1 care facility, who, if they left the facility, would be eligible for assistance under one
2 of the federal programs specified in (1) of this subsection;

3 (3) persons under age 21 who are under supervision of the department,
4 for whom maintenance is being paid in whole or in part from public funds, and who
5 are in foster homes or private child-care institutions;

6 (4) aged, blind, or disabled persons, who, because they do not meet
7 income and resources requirements, do not receive supplemental security income under
8 42 U.S.C. 1381 - 1383c (Title XVI, Social Security Act), and who do not receive a
9 mandatory state supplement, but who are eligible, or would be eligible if they were not
10 in a skilled nursing facility or intermediate care facility to receive an optional state
11 supplementary payment;

12 (5) persons under age 21 who are in an institution designated as an
13 intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded and who are financially eligible as
14 determined by the standards of the federal aid to families with dependent children
15 program;

16 (6) persons in a medical or intermediate care facility whose income
17 while in the facility does not exceed 300 percent of the supplemental security income
18 benefit rate under 42 U.S.C. 1381 - 1383c (Title XVI, Social Security Act) but who
19 would not be eligible for an optional state supplementary payment if they left the
20 hospital or other facility;

21 (7) persons under age 21 who are receiving active treatment in a
22 psychiatric hospital and who are financially eligible as determined by the standards of
23 42 U.S.C. 601 - 615 (Title IV-A, Social Security Act, Aid to Families with Dependent
24 Children);

25 (8) persons under age 21 and not covered under (a) of this section, who
26 would be eligible for benefits under the federal aid to families with dependent children
27 program, except that they have the care and support of both their natural and adoptive
28 parents;

29 (9) pregnant women not covered under (a) of this section and who meet
30 the income and resource requirements of the federal aid to families with dependent
31 children program;

1 (10) persons under age 21 not covered under (a) of this section who the
2 department has determined cannot be placed for adoption without medical
3 assistance because of a special need for medical or rehabilitative care and who the
4 department has determined are hard-to-place children eligible for subsidy under
5 AS 25.23.190 - 25.23.220. [REPEALED]

6 * Sec. 2. AS 47.07.035 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

7 (28) individuals under age 21 who the department has determined
8 cannot be placed for adoption without medical assistance because of a special need for
9 medical or rehabilitative care and who the department has determined are hard-to-place
10 children eligible for subsidy under AS 25.23.190 - 25.23.220.

11 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1993.