

Introduced: 4/15/77
Referred: Health, Education &
Social Services

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 426

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to medical assistance for needy
7 persons."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 47.07.020(b) is amended by adding a new paragraph to
10 read:

11 (5) persons under 21 years of age in an institution design-
12 nated as an intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded who
13 are financially eligible as determined by the standards of the federal
14 Aid to Families with Dependent Children program.
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POSITION PAPER
ON
HOUSE BILL 426

An Act entitled: "An Act relating to medical assistance for needy persons."

PURPOSE: Under the present Alaska State Medical Assistance Program reimbursement may be claimed for persons receiving mental health services in intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded who are over 18 years of age or older.

The proposed amendment to AS 47 would extend medical coverage to approximately fifty additional individuals in intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded who are under 18 years of age and presently are not eligible for medical benefits except as stipulated by this Reasonable Classification. Those persons who would be affected by this amendment are residents of State institutions, Harborview Memorial Hospital and Alaska Psychiatric Institute and are already receiving care financed 100% by General Funds. Because medical is a 50/50 state federal match program, the state general fund monies now being spent would be used as state match and earn 50% additional federal dollars. The Department of Health and Social Service's budget would not be increased, but rather additional federal monies would be earned. This could enable the State of Alaska to claim approximately \$365,000.

This amendment may be viewed as enabling legislation. Its implementation during FY 76 would require the approval of the Governor's Office and the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee. Since these services are presently supported by the state general funds, any additional funding request would be for the receiving and expending of Federal Funds. No additional state general funds would be required.

POSITION: The Department supports the Bill as enabling legislation.

Recommended By: James L. Schuckler (Division Director) 4/17/75 (Date)

Approved by: Francis J. Williamson (Commissioner) 4/27/75 (Date)

Comments by Governor's Office:

By: _____ (Date) _____

I. REQUEST
 Bill No. House Bill 426
 Title: An Act relating to Medical Assistance for Needy Persons.
 Requested by: _____ Date: _____
 Return Date Requested: _____
 Agency/Dept. of Health and Social Service Program: Division of Mental Health

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Budget Request Unit(s) Affected: _____
 A. EXPENDITURES: (Thousands of dollars)

OBJECT	FY 75	FY 76	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL						

B. FUNDING: (Thousands of dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER Inter-Agency (Medicaid) Receipts		365,000				

C. POSITIONS:

PERMANENT/TEMPORARY	/	/	/	/	/	/
MAN MONTHS (P.T.)	/	/	/	/	/	/

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

Implementation of this enabling legislation would require approval of the Governor's Office and the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee to receive and expend federal funds.

Medicaid funds to be earned as follows: 50 additional eligible residents X \$40 per day/per day X 50% federal match = \$1,000,000 per year.

ATTACHMENTS

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