

"An Act relating to special appropriations for financial assistance to oil-development-impacted municipalities and for extraordinary state services; and providing for an effective date."

COMMITTEE REPORT

4/30/75

HOUSE

FINANCE

Mr. Speaker:

Date 5-1

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under consideration. A Majority of the members of the Committee

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recommends it DO PASS WITH ATTACHED AMENDMENT(S)

recommends it BE REPLACED WITH CS FOR _____ AND THAT

CS FOR _____ DO PASS

"and" recommends it BE REFERRED TO THE _____

COMMITTEE

reports it back WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

"other"

Members signing the Majority report:

Sam R. Latta _____

Lawrence Thomas _____

Ed Rose _____

Freeman _____

Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

Glenn Hackmeyer recommends: DO NOT NEVER, NO WAY, PASS THIS BILL

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Sam R. Latta

Chairman

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_____ Chairman

Introduced: 4/30/75
Referred: Community & Regional
Affairs and Finance

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY COTTEN AND MALONE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 466

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 special appropriations for fin-
7 ancial assistance to oil-development-impacted munici-
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12 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-
13 10.070(c).

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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

..NINTH Legislature . . . FIRST. Session

HOUSE BILL NO. . . 466 . .

By . . COFFIN, JAROME

"An Act relating to special appropriations for financial assistance to oil-development-impacted municipalities and for extraordinary state services; and providing for an effective date."

Oil-impacted municipalities.

Introduced in the House . . . 4/30/75, 19..75

HISTORY IN THE HOUSE

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Apr 30

Read first time and referred to Committee on

Community & Regional Affairs and Finance

Reported back with recommendation that

Read second time and

Read third time and

PASS	Effective Date
Yeas	Yeas
Nays	Nays
Absent	Absent
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Reconsideration

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Reported correctly engrossed
Signed by Speaker
Sent to Senate

CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE

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Signed by President
Returned to House

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

HISTORY IN THE HOUSE

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Received from Senate

Reported correctly enrolled

Sent to Governor

..... By Governor

Filed with Lt. Governor

Chapter No.

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
FISCAL NOTE

Second Session - Ninth Legislature

I. REQUEST

Bill No. HB 467

Title: Providing financial aid for catastrophic illness or injury

Requested by: Representative Helen Beirne Date: _____

Return Date Requested: _____

Agency: HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES Program: GENERAL RELIEF-MEDICAL

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Budget Request Unit(s) Affected: General Relief Medical Travel; General

A. EXPENDITURES: (Thousands of dollars) Relief Medical Contractual

OBJECT	FY 76	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL		3.2	3.5	3.8	4.2	4.5
300 CONTRACTUAL		300.4	330.5	363.6	399.9	430.0
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL		303.6	334.0	367.4	404.1	444.5

B. FUNDING: (Thousands of dollars)

GENERAL FUND		303.6	334.0	367.4	404.1	444.5
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						

C. POSITIONS:

PERMANENT/TEMPORARY	/ 0	/ 0	/ 0	/ 0	/ 0	/ 0
MAN MONTHS (P./T.)	/ 0	/ 0	/ 0	/ 0	/ 0	/ 0

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

Catastrophic illness committee will meet approximately 12 times per year - allowing for meeting once per month with emergency handled on immediate basis by telephone - teletype assuming 9 meetings will be in Juneau; 3 in Anchorage or other locations - travel and per diem at \$50 = \$3,150 allowing \$450 for telephone and other administrative costs - total administration of program will estimate at \$3,600.

IV. ATTACHMENTS

V. DATE: 4/2/79 PREPARED BY: Lawrence J. Sullivan

Original: Legislative Finance
cc: Budget and Management
Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)

Lawrence J. Sullivan, Director
Division of Public Assistance

REVIEWED BY FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT: Eugene A. Smith

EUGENE A. SMITH, HSS FIN. OFFICER

ANALYSIS OF FISCAL NOTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL 467
(Continued)

Statistics establishing medical costs for incidents or illnesses that could be considered as catastrophic are not available at this time. Because this bill represents the first effort to provide assistance to individuals who do not qualify for an established program there is no data on which to base an estimate of total cost.

The Alaska Hospital Association reports approximately \$650,000 in unpaid bills for the current year. This figure probably includes amounts which the hospital could collect in time and amounts owed by individuals no longer in the State. However, it does establish a ceiling on the total amount owed or uncollected by hospitals in Alaska for a year.

Because no figures or statistics exist on which to base an actual estimate of costs incurred for catastrophic illnesses, an arbitrary figure of \$300,000 is used in this fiscal note.

The funding could come from those funds cut from the Medical Assistance - General Relief Medical budgets. The projected cost for each year after FY 77 is increased by 10% or the approximate increase of cost of living per year.

A study to determine medical costs incurred for catastrophic illnesses or incidents should be conducted to determine funding for the program in the next fiscal year (FY 78).

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA
FISCAL NOTE

Second Session, - Ninth Legislature

I. REQUEST

Bill No. HOUSE BILL NO. 467
 Title: Financial aid for catastrophic illness or injury
 Requested by: HSS Committee Date: March 10, 1976
 Return Date Requested: _____
 Agency: HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES Program: DIVISION OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

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700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL						

B. FUNDING: (Thousands of dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						

C. POSITIONS:

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

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

It is impossible for the Division to estimate the impact of this bill on the general fund because the number of people who would become eligible is unknown. Although the Department approves the concept of catastrophic health insurance we cannot support the particular bill nor can we support an increase in the Governor's budget.

IV. ATTACHMENTS

V. DATE: 3/10/76 PREPARED BY: Lawrence J. Sullivan, Director
 Division of Public Assistance

Original: Legislative Finance
 cc: Budget and Management
 Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)

Reviewed by Financial Management

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Eugene A. Smith
 Eugene A. Smith, HSS Finance Officer

POSITION PAPER

ON

HOUSE BILL NO. 467

"An Act providing financial aid for catastrophic illness or injury; and providing for an effective date."

This act provides for financial aid for catastrophic illness or injury for low and middle income persons who do not qualify for assistance under existing federal and state programs and whose health insurance does not cover the high cost of such catastrophes.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Department of Health and Social Services agrees in concept with the need for catastrophic health insurance, but does not favor passage of the bill in its current state. Therefore, until comprehensive legislation can be drafted, we recommend the following:

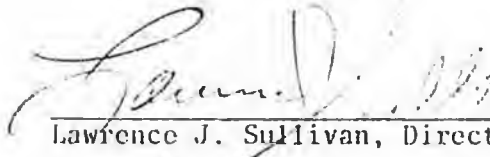
Page 1, lines 90-29; Page 2, lines 1-29; Page 3, lines 1-28 be deleted and substitute the following:

Section 47.25.250. Temporary Relief. When a person is not entitled to assistance under § 120-300 of this chapter and has no relatives in the state liable for his support under §§ 230 and 240 of this chapter, the needy person may receive temporary subsistence assistance in the form and amount which the department considers necessary.

Temporary assistance for needs other than transportation and medical care shall not exceed \$80 per person a calendar month.

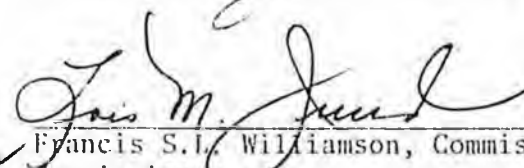
AS 47.25.255. Catastrophic Illness. Notwithstanding provisions under §§ 230 and 240 of this chapter, the Department shall reimburse providers of medical care for costs incurred in the treatment of catastrophic illness. The determination of allowable costs and levels of reimbursement shall be determined by the Catastrophic Illness Committee which shall consist of the Medical Review Officer of the Department of Health and Social Services, a Governor-appointed consumer who has suffered a catastrophic illness and a Governor-appointed representative of the Department of Commerce and Economic Development.

Recommended By:



Lawrence J. Sullivan, Director

9/16/76
Date

for 

Francis S.I. Williamson, Commissioner
Commissioner
Department of Health & Social Services

3/17/76
Date

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Alaska State Legislature House

It is the intent of the House Health, Education and Social Services Committee as well as the intent of the Division of Public Assistance to pay the obligations of Mr. Harvey both at Sitka and Petersburg hospitals and to further maintain Mr. Harvey on the General Relief program by paying the hospital for the materials used in the treatment of his hemophilia.

Susan Sullivan
Chairperson
Health, Education &
Social Services

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STATE OF ALASKA

DEPT. OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

DIVISION OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

JAY S. HAMMOND, GOVERNOR

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April 6, 1976

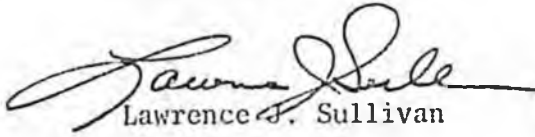
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The Honorable Susan Sullivan
Alaska State Legislature
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Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Ms. Sullivan:

In reference to the above case it is the intent of the Division to pay the obligations of Mr. Harvey both at Sitka and Petersburg hospitals and to further maintain Mr. Harvey on the General Relief program by paying the hospital for the materials used in the treatment of his hemophilia.

Sincerely,


Lawrence J. Sullivan
Director

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Original sponsors: H. Bairne, Bowman,
Ellason, et al

Offered: 4/3/76
Referred: Finance

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 467

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act providing financial aid for catastrophic ill-
7 ness or injury; and providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 47.25.250 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 47.25.250. TEMPORARY RELIEF. When a needy person is not en-
11 titled to assistance under secs. 120 - 300 of this chapter and has no
12 relatives in the state liable for his support under secs. 230 and 240
13 of this chapter, the needy person may receive temporary assistance in
14 the form and amount which the department considers necessary. Temporary
15 assistance for needs other than transportation and medical care may not
16 exceed \$80 per person per [A] month.

17 * Sec. 2. AS 47.25 is amended by adding a new section to read:

18 Sec. 47.25.255. CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS. Notwithstanding the pro-
19 visions of secs. 230 and 240 of this chapter, the department shall re-
20 imburse providers of medical care for costs incurred in the treatment
21 of persons suffering catastrophic illness. The determination of allow-
22 able costs and levels of reimbursement shall be made by the Catastrophic
23 Illness Committee, consisting of a medical review officer from the
24 Department of Health and Social Services, a member appointed by the
25 governor who has suffered a catastrophic illness, and a representative
26 of the Department of Commerce and Economic Development appointed by the
27 governor.

28 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1976.
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Introduced: 5/1/75
Referred: Health, Education &
Social Services and Finance

BY H. BEIRNE, BOWMAN, ELIASON,
M. BEIRNE, HACKNEY, HERSHBERGER,
MALONE, OSTROSKY, PARR AND
SULLIVAN

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 467

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act providing financial aid for catastrophic
7 illness or injury; and providing for an effective
8 date."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 47 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

11 CHAPTER 8. FINANCIAL AID FOR CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS OR INJURY.

12 Sec. 47.08.010. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND PURPOSE. The legislature
13 finds that a financial need exists for low and middle income persons who
14 suffer catastrophic illness or injury and who do not qualify as indi-
15 gents for financial aid or medical care under federal or state assis-
16 tance programs for indigent persons, and whose health insurance does not
17 cover the high costs of care for medical catastrophes. The purpose of
18 this chapter is to provide aid for persons who have, in a given year,
19 spent a high percentage of their incomes and other resources for extreme
20 medical expenses.

21 Sec. 47.08.020. POWERS AND DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT. (a) The depart-
22 ment shall

23 (1) provide financial aid to persons eligible for benefits
24 allowed under this chapter;

25 (2) establish procedures and provide forms for applying for
26 benefits under this chapter;

27 (3) determine eligibility of applicants for benefits under
28 this chapter;

29 (4) determine benefits payable under this chapter;

1 (5) perform other duties necessary for the administration of
2 this chapter.

3 (b) The department may adopt regulations, subject to the Adminis-
4 trative Procedure Act (AS 44.62), necessary for carrying out the provi-
5 sions of this chapter.

6 Sec. 47.08.030. ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSISTANCE. (a) Eligibility for
7 assistance under this chapter is determined on a yearly basis. A person
8 is eligible if his medical expenses in a given year exceed \$1,000, after
9 subtracting from the medical expenses

10 (1) 20 per cent of the net income before taxes of the appli-
11 cant and persons legally responsible for the applicant's medical ex-
12 penses;

13 (2) 10 per cent of the cash or cashable assets of the appli-
14 cant and persons legally responsible for the applicant's medical ex-
15 penses;

16 (3) all health care insurance benefits and other third party
17 payments applicable to medical care from the medical expenses; and

18 (4) funds received from the Violent Crimes Compensation Board
19 which apply to medical care.

20 (b) Persons eligible for financial or medical assistance under
21 federal or state programs for indigent persons are not eligible for
22 assistance under this chapter.

23 Sec. 47.08.040. BENEFITS. (a) The department shall pay all
24 medical expenses in a given year of eligible persons exceeding by \$1,000
25 the sum of 20 per cent of the net income of the applicant or persons
26 legally responsible for the medical expenses of the applicant, 10 per
27 cent of the cash or cashable assets of the applicant or persons legally
28 responsible for the medical expenses of the applicant, all health care
29 insurance benefits and other third party payments applicable to medical

1 care received in the year in question, and funds received that year from
2 the Violent Crimes Compensation Board applicable to medical care.

3 (b) No reimbursements may be made under this chapter for medical
4 bills that have already been paid by the applicant or by persons legally
5 responsible for the medical expenses of the applicant.

6 (c) Payment for benefits provided by this chapter shall be made
7 directly to a vendor or provider of care.

8 Sec. 47.08.050. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

9 (1) "medical expenses" means the costs of hospital inpatient
10 and outpatient care, physicians' services, skilled nursing care, drugs,
11 appliances, and other expenses the department determines by regulation
12 to be payable under this chapter; "medical expenses" does not include
13 costs of nursing home care for more than 90 days in one year;

14 (2) "cash or cashable assets" includes

15 (A) cash on hand;

16 (B) funds in savings accounts;

17 (C) government bonds;

18 (D) shares in credit unions;

19 (E) other stocks and bonds;

20 (F) annuities;

21 (G) trust funds where the funds are not restricted by
22 the terms of the trust or by the court;

23 (H) prizes or inheritances;

24 (I) notes or mortgages which are saleable or redeemable
25 upon demand;

26 (3) "department" means the Department of Health and Social
27 Services.

28 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 1975.

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