

COMMITTEE REPORT

SENATE

Mr. President:

Date _____

The Committee on _____ has had _____

under consideration. A Majority of the members of the Committee

() recommends it DO PASS

() recommends it DO NOT PASS

() 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:

Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

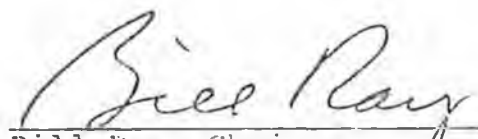
_____ Chairman

SENATE JOURNAL

Senate Finance Committee
Legislative Intent
for
Senate CS for House Bill No. 120

The Senate Finance Committee recommends that House Bill No. 120 be replaced with Senate Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 120 and that SCS HB 120 do pass. The Committee Substitute provides for Medicaid reimbursement to a needy individual for the cost of purchasing eyeglasses prescribed by a physician skilled in diseases of the eye or by an optometrist as well as the cost of refractions and eye examinations by ophthalmologists or optometrists for which the original bill provides. Currently, only refractions or eye examinations by an ophthalmologist are covered by Medicaid except that children may receive such services by an optometrist as well and also be covered for eyeglasses under the Early Screening program.

The Department of Health and Social Services estimates that an additional 1,100 refractions or examinations would be covered at an average cost of \$39 in FY 77 under HB 120. The additional cost incorporated in SCS HB 120 is estimated at \$30,000 based on the purchase of 1,000 eyeglasses at an average cost of \$30.


Bill Ray, Chairman
Senate Finance Committee

The Legislature of the State of Alaska
FISCAL NOTE

First Session - Ninth Legislature

I. REQUEST

Bill No. HOUSE BILL NO. 120
 Title: ing to eye examinations as medical assistance to be provided for needy
 Request: HESS Committee Date: 3-5-75 persons
 Return Date Requested: _____
 Agency: Division of Medical Assistance Program: Medicaid

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Budget Request Unit(s) Affected: Medicaid

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	38,500	40,810	43,120	45,430	48,156	51,044
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL	38,500	40,810	43,120	45,430	48,156	51,044

B. FUNDING: (Thousands of dollars)

GENERAL FUND	19,250	20,405	21,560	22,715	24,078	25,522
FEDERAL FUNDS	19,250	20,405	21,560	22,715	24,078	25,522
OTHER						

C. POSITIONS:

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

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

- a) It is anticipated that approximately 1,150 persons would use optometric services provided under this bill.

IV. ATTACHMENTS

V. DATE: 3/5/75

PREPARED BY: [Signature]

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

Original sponsor: H. Beirne

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 120

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to eye examinations for needy persons;
7 and providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 47.07.030 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 47.07.030. MEDICAL SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED. Medical services
11 to be offered to eligible persons include inpatient hospital, outpatient
12 hospital, laboratory and X-ray, refractions and eye examinations by
13 ophthalmologists or optometrists, eyeglasses prescribed by a physician
14 skilled in diseases of the eye or by an optometrist, inpatient psychia-
15 tric hospital for persons age 65 or older and persons under age 21,
16 skilled and intermediate nursing home, physician, home health care
17 services, early periodic screening diagnosis and treatment of persons
18 under 21 years of age, and reasonable transportation to and from the
19 point of medical care. No additional services may be provided unless
20 approved by the legislature.

21 * Sec. 2. AS 47.080 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

22 (5) "eyeglasses" are lenses, including frames when necessary,
23 and other aids to vision prescribed by a physician skilled in diseases
24 of the eye, or by an optometrist, whichever the patient may select, to
25 aid or improve vision.

26 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-
070(c).

Referred to
Finance
Monday, 2/9

Introduced: 2/5/75
Referred: Health, Education &
Social Services

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY BEIRNE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 120

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POSITION PAPER
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 120

"An act relating to eye examinations for needy persons; and providing for an effective date."

Passage of bill would make it possible for persons to go to an optometrist or an ophthalmologist whereas before they were limited to services provided by an ophthalmologist. In as much as ophthalmologist services are not available in every community, passage of House Bill 120 would make eye exams and refractions easily obtainable by more needy persons.

It is expected that the approximate number of persons using optometric services provided under this bill would be 1150.

Funding for optometric services was not included in budget considerations; therefore the increases indicated on the Fiscal Note of last year plus a ten percent increase due to cost of living would have to be included in the budget.

The department supports the bill with the fiscal considerations recommended above.

Recommended By: *Lawrence P. ...* Date 3/5/75
Approved By: Francis S. Williamson Date 3/11/75

By: _____ Date _____

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
FISCAL NOTE
Second Session - Ninth Legislature

I. REQUEST

Bill No. Senate CS for House Bill NO. 100
 Title: An Act relating to eye examinations for needy persons and providing for an
 effective date: Requested by: H. Beirne Date: Offered 2/18/76
 Return Date Requested: February 26, 1976
 Agency: Health & Social Services Program: Medicaid

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Budget Request Unit(s) Affected: Medicaid BRU - Contractual and Commodities
 A. EXPENDITURES: (Thousands of dollars)

OBJECT	FY 76	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81
100 PERSONAL SERVICES	0	0	0	0	0	0
200 TRAVEL	0	0	0	0	0	0
300 CONTRACTUAL	0	58.9	63.8	70.2	77.2	84.9
400 COMMODITIES	0	89.0	97.9	107.7	118.5	120.4
500 EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0
600 LAND & STRUCTURES	0	0	0	0	0	0
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	147.9	161.7	177.9	195.7	205.3

B. FUNDING: (Thousands of dollars)

GENERAL FUND	0	73.95	80.85	88.95	97.85	102.65
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	73.95	80.85	88.95	97.85	102.65
OTHER						

C. POSITIONS:

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

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

See attachment for analysis of Fiscal Note.

Fiscal Note does not include - 1) eye exams by ophthalmologists as they are payable under physicians' services nor, 2) eye exams or glasses for persons under 21 years of age as they are available to that group of persons through EPSDT.

IV. ATTACHMENTS

V. DATE: February 26, 1976 PREPARED BY: [Signature]

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

APPROVED BY: [Signature] DATE: 2/27/76