

HB

467

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

COMMITTEE REPORT

5/1/75

HOUSE

FINANCE

Mr. Speaker:

Date April
CS

The Committee on HESS has had ~~HB 467~~ CS

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 HB 467 AND THAT

CS FOR it DO PASS

"and" recommends it BE REFERRED TO THE _____

COMMITTEE

reports it back WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

"other"

Members signing the Majority report:

<u>Susan Sullivan</u>	<u>Robert</u>
<u>Tom Hackney</u>	<u> </u>
_____	_____
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Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

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_____ recommends:

Susan Sullivan Chairman

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

COMMITTEE REPORT

4/9/76

HOUSE

FIN

Mr. Speaker:

Date April 8, 1976

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CS FOR _____ DO PASS *if following amendment*
- "and" recommends it BE REFERRED TO THE _____
COMMITTEE
- reports it back WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION
- "other"

Members signing the Majority report:

Susan Sullivan _____
Tom Dackman _____

Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

_____ recommends:
 _____ recommends:
 _____ recommends:
 _____ recommends:
 _____ recommends:

Susan Sullivan Chairman

A M E N D M E N T

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE:

By: HESS

To: _____ HOUSE BILL No. CS HB 467

SENATE BILL No. _____

PAGE: 1

LINE: 25, 26, 27

Delete " who has suffered a catastrophic illness", line 25

Delete "oppointed by the Governor" lines 26 & 27.



Alaska State Legislature

House

JUNEAU ALASKA

HOUSES HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 2, 1976

Present: Hackney Osterback Cstrosky
Beirne Sullivan

Testifying: Kay Smith, Dept. of H&SS
Larry Sullivan, Dept. of H&SS
Jack Chenowith, A.A. Pat Rodey

HCR 111 - Boundary Change in Health Service - Rules

Ramona Kelley - explained reason for this resolution, predominately fiscal justification.

Committee - no action.

HB 790 -Contract Agreements/Adoption Service - Buchholdt

Buchholdt, explained why she introduced the bill and how it could save some state \$.

Kay Smith, representing depts. position. Dept. favors this bill for future needs. no \$ for FY 77.

SB 611 -Adoption by step parents - Rodey

Jack Chenowith, representing Rodey,

Kay Smith presented dept. position. Would like to define step-parent with the child.

Move to accept Dept.s amendment.

Committee decided to pass bill out with amendment.

HB 467 - Catastrophic illness aid - Beirne

Larry Sullivan, represent dept. position. In favor of concept and favor passage with fiscal note as presented with dept. position paper.
Amend line 25 delete "who has suffered at catastrophic illness"
line 26 & 27 delete "appointed by the gov."
Unanimous do pass for CSHB 467 as amended.

HJR 67 = Medicare and Hemophilliacs - HESS

DO pass, no objection , moved out.



JUNEAU ALASKA

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HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

MARCH 10, 1976

Present Sullivan Beirne
Ose Hackney
Ostrosky Swanson
Parr

Testified: Lois Jund, Dept. H & SS
K. Kareen, Div. of Personnel
Edna Crawford, Public Health Nurses

HB 457 Training and Ed. of State Employees -- Buchholdt

Buchholdt- explained why she felt a need for the bill

Kareen, explained the present policy of training for state employees.

Committee discussion concerning the needs of state employees, shouldn't they foot the time and bill for an ed. if they want it. Others all for it.

Decided to have a work session on this bill.

HB 467 Catastrophic Illness Aid Beirne

Beirne expressed the need for this bill, gave examples of how many families there were that are having to live below poverty level because of severe illness. The system right now forced people not to work, so that they can be on welfare and have the medical bills paid for by someone else.

Lois Jund - ~~will work on a workable bill with the dept.~~ Dept. feels that this bill has a good concept but that it is not workable at this time.

Beirne - will work on a more workable and functional bill with the dept.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES PRESENTATION

Edna Crawford made a presentation for the P.H.N.



JUNEAU ALASKA

Alaska State Legislature House

File HB 4167

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

STATE OF ALASKA

DEPT. OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

DIVISION OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

JAY S. HAMMOND, GOVERNOR

POUCH H 07 - JUNEAU 99811

April 6, 1976

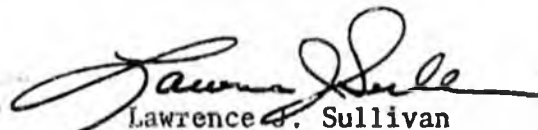
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The Honorable Susan Sullivan
Alaska State Legislature
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Juneau, Alaska 99811

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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TELEGRAM

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WE URGE HB467 OUT OF COMMITTEE TO THE HOUSE

FOR VOTE

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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:

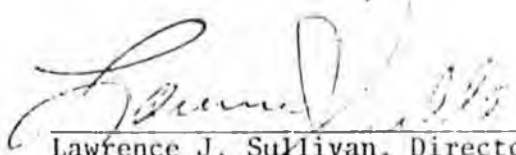
Page 1, lines 90-29; Page 2, lines 1-29; Page 3, lines 1-28 be deleted and substitute the following:

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.

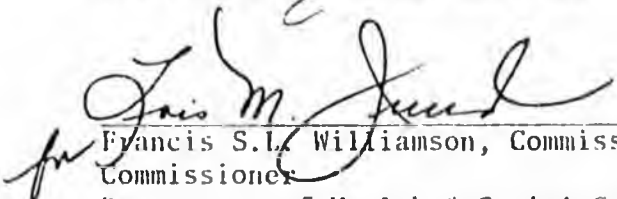
Temporary assistance for needs other than transportation and medical care shall not exceed \$80 per person a calendar month.

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

4/16/76
Date

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

3/17/76
Date

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 Relief Medical Contractual

A. EXPENDITURES: (Thousands of dollars)

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	4.6
300 CONTRACTUAL		300.4	330.5	363.6	399.9	439.0
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)

	FY 76	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81
GENERAL FUND		303.6	334.0	367.4	404.1	444.5
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						

C. POSITIONS:

	FY 76	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81
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 smg

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).