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COMMITTEE REPORT

HOUSE

FURTHER: FINANCE

3/13/81

(5)

Date: April 2, 1981

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES has had HB 330

"An Act relating to payment of the costs of care of pregnant women; and providing for an effective date."

under consideration and reports it back as follows:

- do pass do not pass
- do pass with attached amendments(s)
- replace with CS for HB 330 same title
- and recommends _____ new title
- AND attaches a "Letter of Intent" New Fiscal Note
- reports it back without recommendation
- referred to the _____ Committee

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CHAIRMAN

BY HOUSE EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

IN THE HOUSE

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 330 (HESS)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION
A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to payment of the costs of care of pregnant women; and providing for an effective date."

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

* Section 1. Legislative Findings and Purpose:

The legislature finds that there are insufficient maternal and infant care services available to women experiencing social, economic, and medical difficulties associated with childbearing. As a result of inadequate services, some children may develop health conditions that require state supported services throughout their lives. In order to promote a healthier generation of Alaskans, the legislature wishes to invest in the state's future by providing prenatal medical care and social services to pregnant women.

* Section 2 [1] AS 47.97.020(b) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(8) pregnant women if the pregnancy is medically [BY A PHYSICIAN] confirmed.

* Sec. 3 [2] AS 47 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

CHAPTER 42. PURCHASE OF SERVICES FOR PREGNANT WOMEN. The Department of Health and Social Services shall pay the cost of non-medical services for a pregnant woman, including the costs of transportation to and from a maternal home and foster home, counseling, adoption assistance, maternity home and foster home care, and postnatal care.

Sec. 47.42.020. LICENSING AND SUPERVISION. A person providing services which are purchased by the Department of Health and Social services under this chapter shall be licensed and supervised in the same manner as foster homes, boarding homes, maternity homes, and other agencies and institutions under AS 47.35.010 - 47.35.100.

* Sec. 4 [3] This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-070(c).

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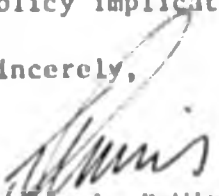
The Honorable Mike Miller
State House of Representatives
Pouch V, State Capitol Building
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Representative Miller:

The Alaska State Hospital Association has reviewed HB 330 and wishes to inform you of our support for the concepts found in that legislation.

We feel it is most appropriate for the state to take an affirmative stand with reference to the care and treatment of pregnant women from prenatal through postnatal care. While we are unable to comment on the potential fiscal impact of such legislation, the policy implications are sound.

Sincerely,


Dennis L. DeWitt
Executive Director

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cc: Members of House HESS Committee

JUNEAU PRO-CHOICE COALITION

POSITION PAPER ON HB330

March 26, 1981

1. SUPPORT HB 330 which would remove some of the financial barriers to medical and other services related to pregnancy and childbirth.

Rationale: Each woman should have all options open to her concerning her pregnancy.

2. SUPPORT expansion of Medicaid services to pregnant women.

Rationale: Currently Medicaid is available only to needy children who lack the support or care of one or both parents and their needy caretaker relative. A low income woman must already have an eligible child before she herself is eligible. Women in their first pregnancy are not currently eligible for Medicaid, which is 50% federally funded. These women can get medical assistance on a month to month basis through the state funded General Relief Medical (GRM) program if their gross income is less than \$300 per month and they meet other eligibility criteria. Covering these women under Medicaid instead of GRM may save the state money as well as making assistance easier and more comprehensive for pregnant women.

3. SUPPORT provision of counseling, transportation, maternity and foster home care, postnatal care, and adoption assistance to pregnant and post-partum women.

Rationale: These services are needed by pregnant and post-partum women of all income levels.

4. RECOMMEND that these terms be defined such that transportation means transportation necessary for the delivery of pregnancy-related services provided in this bill; that counseling means counseling of a pregnant woman to advise her of her full range of options with regard to her pregnancy and to support her in making her own decision, post-natal care means services to a woman, her family, and her new born infant either in a maternity facility or in her home for a limited time to assist her and her family in adjusting to and learning to care for her newborn infant.

Rationale: These terms need to be defined to clarify the scope of services intended under the bill. They will be further defined in regulation, but the Department needs guidance from the legislature.

5. RECOMMEND expansion of the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) to provide nutrition services to pregnant women and children statewide.

Rationale: This is a very popular and highly successful program that is significantly reducing infant mortality, low birth weight, and other infant problems through a program of nutrition education and dietary supplements for pregnant women and young children who are nutritionally at risk. Federal funds for the program are being cut 20 to 30%. Many communities in Alaska do not currently receive WIC services and want the program expanded statewide.

6. RECOMMEND expansion of Medicaid services to families with unemployed spouses.

Rationale: Pregnant women sometimes have spouses. Two parent families where both are able to work are not currently eligible for Medicaid regardless of income. This encourages the breakup of nearly two-parent families. Families with two parents who through no fault of their own are unemployed may be just as needy as one parent families and should also be eligible for assistance.

7. RECOMMEND expansion of Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) to provide cash assistance to low income pregnant women and families with unemployed spouses.

Rationale: Low income pregnant women need more than medical care. They also need food, housing, clothing, transportation, etc. Pregnancy may cause a loss of income for a woman due to job discrimination or due to time lost from the job. The bill provides payment for maternity or foster care, but provides nothing for the woman who remains in her own home. This recommendation provides some cash income for needy pregnant women whether single or married.

8. RECOMMEND expansion of the state prenatal and well baby care programs to provide services to pregnant women and young children statewide.

Rationale: Prenatal and well baby care is currently provided to low income women and children through the state public health clinics and nurses. These services are needed by women and children of all income levels.

9. RECOMMEND that cost control for the delivery of these services be provided by utilizing a sliding fee scale so that middle income women have access to needed services as well as low income women.

9. Rationale: While there are significant administrative problems in instituting a fee for service in public health and social services programs, it is of overriding importance that services be available to all who need or want them and that eligibility is not unfairly limited with a rigid dollar income cut-off. Many middle income women are willing to pay for their services and indeed would prefer to do so.
10. RECOMMEND expansion of General Relief Medical to cover pregnancy-related medical expenses for women up to 150% of the poverty guideline, with a spend-down provision.

Rationale: The income limits on Medicaid and General Relief Medical are so low that many needy people do not qualify. This would provide pregnancy-related medical care to low income women who do not qualify for Medicaid. This extension would apply to all pregnancy options including pregnancy termination thereby making all options equally available and not biasing the woman's free choice. The spend-down provision allows women who are a few dollars over the income limit to spend their "excess" income on medical care and to qualify for assistance for the remainder of their medical bills for that month.

11. QUESTION: Will the requirement that pregnancy be confirmed by a physician cause unnecessary hardship? Isn't confirmation by a licensed nurse or a health aide adequate?
12. QUESTION: Who does the licensing and supervision requirement exclude? In particular, does it include the services of nurse-midwives and birthing centers?

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Introduced: 3/13/81
Referred: Health, Education &
Social Services and Finance

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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 330

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4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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22 Services under this chapter shall be licensed and supervised in the
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24 agencies and institutions under AS 47.35.010 - 47.35.100.

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

POSITION PAPER

House Bill No. 330

For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to payment of the cost of care of pregnant women; and providing an effective date".

House Bill No. 330 provides for the expansion of pregnancy-related health and social services.

a) Section 1 expands the Medicaid Program coverage of medical care services to certain women, who have countable incomes of less than \$457 a month; are single, or separated from their spouses; and have no other dependent children living in the home. The provision of the medical services will be financed on a 50/50 matching basis with state and federal revenues.

b) Section 2 of this Act authorizes state funding of the cost of social services for a pregnant women during the prenatal and postpartum periods. These services are to include adoption assistance, counseling, transportation, and the care of maternity, foster and boarding homes.

Discussion

Current Services:

The Department of Health and Social Services is one of multiple private and public resources providing pregnancy-related services to Alaskan women. The Department takes an active role in assuring that public health nursing and social services are available throughout the State.

1) The Division of Family and Youth Services provides adoption placement and family counseling for Alaskans.

2) The Division of Public Assistance provides financial, food and medical assistance for low income women through the Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Food Stamp, Medicaid, General Relief Medical and Adult Public Assistance programs.

3) The Division of Public Health provides health care screening, including pregnancy testing and prenatal counseling, education, referral and follow-up through the activities of Public Health Nurses. Nutrition supplement and education is offered to low income pregnant women and their children in 26 communities by the Women, Infant and Children Program. In addition, the Division also sponsors medical care financing for low income and medically high risk women through demonstration projects in Juneau and Fairbanks.

Gaps in Services:

Although the Department offers a wide range of public services, many women experience difficulties and hardships in obtaining timely and adequate pregnancy care. These difficulties are associated with economic barriers to private care and the unavailability of many services in rural communities. These gaps in pregnancy related services may be summarized as:

(1) Financial inability of many low income and adolescent women to purchase medical care from private providers, and to pay for travel outside of their communities for medically necessary care.

(2) Fragmentation of the pregnancy care delivery system, that inhibits provision of education, counseling, referral, medical and follow-up services required by many women.

(3) Unavailability of many pregnancy-related services in rural communities.

(4) Lack of appropriate housing near major medical centers, where women from rural communities may stay while obtaining outpatient maternal care services.

(5) Insufficient adoption counseling and placement services

House Bill 330 addresses some of the gaps that occur in the delivery of prenatal care. Section 1 offers medical care coverage to single or separated, low income women who have no dependents living in the home. This Act will effectively provide medical care to certain women (approximately 286), who have not been Medicaid eligible. The state previously had this unborn child coverage in the Medicaid Program, but the legislature eliminated it in 1976 for budgetary reasons.

Section 2 of this Bill will expand the types of social services available to maternal clients beyond the present scope of State sponsored activities. The service provisions of this section will be administered through contract arrangements with community based maternity and foster care homes by the Division of Family and Youth Services. As presently interpreted, this section would offer counseling, round trip transportation between a client's residence and maternity or foster care home, and adoption assistance to potentially all pregnant women in the state regardless of income. It is assumed that pregnant women lacking adequate social support during the prenatal and postpartum periods, all pregnant women residing in rural communities that lack a full range of obstetrical care, and all medically high risk women who must travel to other communities for obstetrical care, will most likely be utilizing these services.

While Section 2 offers a fairly comprehensive social support services, there will continue to be gaps in the medical care services. Many women with countable annual incomes exceeding approximately \$5,500 do not qualify for medical assistance. These women often experience more difficulties in purchasing medical care than those who are eligible for public assistance.

In some cases women who are receiving the social services provided by this Act, will continue to be ineligible for medical care assistance that is necessary for a successful pregnancy outcome.

Recommendations

The Department recognizes the value of these needed services that will become available to certain women. We endorse the preventive health concepts of this Act and feel that it will contribute to the comprehensiveness of pregnancy related service throughout Alaska.

This Bill offers transportation, counseling, adoption assistance and housing to all pregnant women regardless of income. While the expansion of counseling and adoption assistance will result in minimal cost to the state, financing of the other social services will have a significant budgetary impact. To assist the Department in administering the provisions of this Bill, clarification of legislative intent would be most helpful.

It is the impression of Departmental staff that the sponsors of this legislation intended to focus the service provisions to those who are experiencing social or economic conditions that would adversely affect the pregnancy outcome. A proposed legislative intent, as interpreted by the Department, is attached for consideration.

Recommended by:

John Pugh
John Pugh, Director
Division of Family and
Youth Services

Date:

3/23/81
Rod Betit
Rod Betit, Director
Division of
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Date:

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David Bruce
David Bruce, Deputy
Director
Division of
Public Health

Approved by:

Helen D. Beirne
Helen D. Beirne
Commissioner

Date:

3/24/81

Legislative Findings and Purpose: The legislature finds that there are inconsistencies and gaps in the provision of pregnancy related services throughout Alaska, which inhibits some women from obtaining timely and comprehensive care. In keeping with the responsibilities of the state and assuring that its citizens are not excluded by individual circumstances from receiving necessary care, the legislature wishes to avail state sponsored services to pregnant women who are experiencing social, economic or medical difficulties that threaten the well-being of the mother and a successful outcome of the pregnancy.

Pregnancy Related Health and Social Services

Service Agencies	Eligibility Requirements	Services	Population Served	Service Gaps
<u>Div. of Family & Youth Svs.</u>				
1. Family Counseling	None	marriage, parenting, family adolescent, and crisis intervention counseling	approx. 1000 per year	Staff time available is limited.
2. Foster Home Care	State must have legal custody of client.	counseling, foster care placement, financial assistance, medical care through Medicaid	approx. 1040 per year	Insufficient foster homes.
3. Adoption Counseling & Placement	State must have legal custody of client to provide adoption placement services. Adoption counseling is available to anyone on request.	counseling, screening and placement	approx. 40 adoption placements per year	Additional counseling services needed.
<u>Div. of Public Assistance</u>				
1. Food Stamps	low income (\$6,000 for a family of 2)	Food supplement coupons	approx. 38000 per month	There are no regional adjustments for cost of living. One income and benefits standard is used state-wide which results in inequities of purchasing power.
2. Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC)	low income women (\$5,500 per year for a family of 2) who are single or separated with dependent children living in the home	income maintenance and medical care assistance through Medicaid	approx. 12000 per month	Women who meet the income and single/separated status but are pregnant with no dependents living in the home are ineligible. Low income women who are married with the spouse living at home are ineligible.
3. Adult Public Assistance	blind, disabled and aged, with income of \$5,700 per year for single adults	income maintenance, and medical assistance through Medicaid	approx. 5000 per month	Those blind, disabled and aged person that are above the income guidelines

Pregnancy Related Health and Social Services

Service Agencies	Eligibility Requirements	Services	Population Served	Service Gaps
4. General Relief Medical	low income (Adult 1 child \$4,000 per year) who are not eligible for Medicaid coverage	medical care assistance	approx. 7,000 per month	Those who fall marginally above the income guidelines are not eligible for assistance.
5. Catastrophic Illness	those who have suffered a catastrophic illness/injury and who do not have the resources to meet the expenses	medical assistance as determined by a three member committee	approx. 300 per year	Doesn't cover normal pregnancies and limited to "catastrophic illness"
6. Medicaid	must be covered by State and categorical programs such as AFDC or Adult Public Assistance	medical care assistance to those individuals eligible for categorical programs	approx. 18000 per month	Low income people not eligible for categorical programs experience difficulties in obtaining medical care.
<u>Div. of Public Health</u>				
1. Public Health Nursing	None	health screening, including pregnancy testing, prenatal education and counseling, post-partum follow-up home visiting and well child clinics	approx. 4,000 visits per month	Lack of unified counseling education and referral services. The unavailability of some services on full-time basis in rural communities.
2. Women Infant Children (WIC)	low income (family of 2, up to \$12,500) pregnant women and children up to age 5	nutrition supplement coupons and nutrition education and counseling	approx. 1600 per month in 26 communities	Estimated 36000 potentially eligible statewide not being served
3. Early, Periodic, Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT)	under 21 years of age, Medicaid eligible	preventive health screening services for children and adolescents, referral to treatment and medical care assistance through Medicaid	approx. 7,000 per year	Low income families who are not qualified for Medicaid do not receive medical treatment services.
4. Handicapped Childrens Program	children with physical and handicapping conditions	Medical diagnostic assistance provided to all - medical treatment based upon a sliding fee scale - of a family's ability to pay. Transportation and per diem are also included.	approx. 1800 per year	Premature newborns are not covered by this program.

Pregnancy Related Health and Social Services

Service Agencies	Eligibility Requirments	Services	Population Served	Service Gaps
5. Maternal & Infant Care Project - Juneau	<p>pregnant women who resides in the Juneau City and Borough</p> <p>high risk conditions of pregnancy and low income (up to \$12,500 for a family of 2) in the city care</p>	<p>a. education, and counseling available to all</p> <p>b. medical care assistance provided according to a family's ability to pay based on a sliding fee scale</p>	<p>approx. 125 per year</p> <p>approx. 70 per year</p>	<p>Limitation of financial assistance to only those women in target area. All other low income women experience difficulties in obtaining care.</p>
6. Improved Pregnancy Outcome Project - Fairbanks	<p>pregnant women who reside in the Fairbanks Borough</p> <p>pregnant and low income women (up to \$12,500 for a family of 2)</p> <p>high risk medical conditions of pregnancy and low income (up to \$12,500 for a family of 2)</p>	<p>a. education counseling, and patient follow-up to all</p> <p>b. Medical care assistance for initial prenatal physician visit. The amount of assistance is provided according to a family's ability to pay based on a sliding fee scale.</p> <p>c. Medical care assistance for all outpatient prenatal medical care. The amount of assistance provided according to a family's ability to pay based on a sliding fee scale.</p>	<p>approx. 250 per year</p> <p>projected 70 per year</p>	<p>Prenatal medical care assistance not available to low income women who are not medically high risk. No inpatient medical care assistance is provided.</p>

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. House Bill No. 330

Title "An Act relating to payment of the cost of care for pregnant women"...

Requested by House HESS Committee

Date March 23, 1981

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Department of Health and Social Services

Program Category Affected Health & Social Services

BRU, Program, or Subprogram(s) Affected Various - See separate fiscal notes attached.

(Note: If more than one budget component is affected, separate line-item amounts and funding for each component in the analysis section.)

EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 81	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86
100 PERSONAL SERVICES		40.7	44.4	48.4	52.7	57.4
200 TRAVEL		1.7	1.9	2.0	2.2	2.4
300 CONTRACTUAL		4.8	5.2	5.7	6.2	6.8
400 COMMODITIES		.4	.4	.5	.5	.6
500 EQUIPMENT		1.2				
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC		2524.1	2751.3	2998.9	3268.8	2563.0
TOTAL		2572.9	2803.2	3055.5	3330.4	2630.2

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 81	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86
GENERAL FUND		2358.4	2569.4	2800.7	3052.6	3327.4
FEDERAL FUNDS		214.5	233.8	254.8	277.8	302.8
OTHER (Specify Fund Source)						

POSITIONS

	FY 81	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86
FULL TIME		1	1	1	1	1
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

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

Attached Social and Health Service Analysis.

IV. DATE 3/23/81

PREPARED BY Dwayne Peoples
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Original: Legislative Finance
cc: Budget and Management

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Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named) M. Hubbard M&B Approval M. Hubbard Date 3/24/81

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700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.		2,095.1	2,283.7	2,489.2	2,713.2	1,957.4
TOTAL		2,143.9	2,335.6	2,545.8	2,774.8	3,024.6

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

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GENERAL FUND		2,143.9	2,335.6	2,545.8	2,774.8	3,024.6
FEDERAL FUNDS		0	0	0	0	0
OTHER (Specify Fund Source)						

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PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

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

In 1979 there were 9,129 births to Alaskan residents. 1,273 or 14% were births to unmarried women.

Age of Mother	1979 Births to Unmarried Women Number of Births
Under 15	9
15-19	140
20-24	504
25-29	224
30-34	76
35-39	16
40-44	4
	1,273

IV. DATE 3/19/81 PREPARED BY John R. Pugh John R. Pugh, Director
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 Prime Sponsor (List Legislator Name) M&B Approval Marsha Hubbard Date 3/24/81

The Department assumes that the services delineated in this Bill would be utilized mostly by unmarried women. Using this pool as the target group the Department would further assume that the more youthful unmarried women (under 15-24) would be more likely to utilize maternity and foster home care; whereas the older group (25-44) would utilize the community services, such as counseling and adoption assistance.

The younger age group consists of 953 women. The Department estimates that approximately 200 of this group would avail themselves of the services of a maternity home or foster home (75 maternity and 125 foster), and another 250 would utilize available counseling and adoption assistance.

The older age group consists of 320 women. The Department estimates that approximately 50 women would utilize maternity homes or foster home care (15 maternity and 35 foster homes). An additional 100 would utilize the other services.

The Department recommends that the entire range of services be contracted out to local community providers. This would reduce the amount of administrative costs. However, it is recommended that an Associate Coordinator (Range 18) be established to coordinate the program on a statewide basis. This individual would be responsible for planning, program development, preparation of requests for proposals and contracts, and contract monitoring and program evaluation.

Estimated costs are as follows:

Foster Home Care

160 persons x \$422/mo. x 6 mos. = \$ 405,120

Maternity Home Care

90 persons x \$2,250 (\$75.00 per day) x 6 mos. = \$1,215,000

Counseling/Adoption Assistance

350 persons x \$1,000 = \$ 350,000

Transportation To and From Placement

250 persons x \$500 average/trip = \$ 125,000

Subtotal \$2,095,120

Associate Coordinator, Range 18

Personal Services	\$40,665	
Travel	1,728	
Contractual	4,798	
Commodities	400	
Equipment	<u>1,230</u>	\$ 48,821

TOTAL \$2,143,941

The costs for Associate Coordinator position includes: Travel - two trips of three day each to perform program reviews; Contractual - telephone rental and long distance of \$678, postage of \$300, copier usage of \$120, printing and advertising of \$1,000, and office space rent of \$2,700; Commodities - \$400 for general office supplies; and Equipment - \$1,230.

A 9% inflation rate has been added to future years' estimated costs.

Medical costs will be borne by the Division of Public Assistance.

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II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Department of Health and Social Services
 Program Category Affected Health
 BRU, Program, or Subprogram(s) Affected Medicaid
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EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

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400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.		429.0	467.6	509.7	555.6	605.6
TOTAL		429.0	467.6	509.7	555.6	605.6

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

Approximately 286 pregnant women would be added to the Medicaid program. The addition of this coverage under Medicaid would reduce participation under the General Relief Medical program by approximately 95 women, who would become eligible for Medicaid. The remaining 191 women would be new eligibles who do not receive coverage under the General Relief Medical program because of the method used in counting available income.

The average cost per case is approximately \$1500 for FY 82. Because of the reduction in General Relief Medical participation, the cost of the program will also be reduced, making funds available to become the state General Fund matching portion of the Medicaid program coverage. Therefore, new state General Fund matching is 72.0 (214.5 - 142.5 = 72.0).

IV. DATE March 23, 1981 PREPARED BY David M. Davidson
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THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. House Bill No. 330
 Title "An Act relating to payment of the costs of care of pregnant women..."
 Requested by House HESS Committee Date March 23, 1981

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Department of Health and Social Services
 Program Category Affected Health
 BRU, Program, or Subprogram(s) Affected General Relief Medical
 (Note: If more than one budget component is affected, separate line-item amounts and funding for each component in the analysis section.)

EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 81	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.		(142.5)	(155.3)	(169.3)	(184.5)	(201.1)
TOTAL		(142.5)	(155.3)	(169.3)	(184.5)	(201.1)

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	(142.5)	(155.3)	(169.3)	(184.5)	(201.1)
FEDERAL FUNDS					
OTHER (Specify Fund Source)					

POSITIONS

FULL TIME					
PART TIME					
TEMPORARY					

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

IV. DATE March 23, 1981 PREPARED BY David M. Davidson
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