

HCR

48

HCR 48 Relating to Medicaid options and waivers for home- and
 community-based services.

Fiscal Note (Blue) -

1. Sponsor Statement

PLEASE SEE BACK-UP MATERIALS IN FOLDER FOR HB 438.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1991 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HCR 48

Revision Date: _____ Department Affected: _____

Title: Medicaid: Home/Community Svcs. BRU: Legislature

Component: _____

Sponsor: Representative Ellis

Requestor: House HESS COMPONENT SERIAL NO.

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Expenditures/Revenues: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of current year impact: _____

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

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Division: _____ Date: 2/26/92

Approved by Commissioner:  _____

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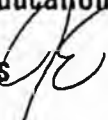
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REPRESENTATIVE JOHNNY ELLIS

MEMORANDUM

TO: Rep. Georgianna Lincoln, co-chair
House Health, Education & Social Services Committee

FROM: Rep. Johnny Ellis 

RE: Scheduling HB 438 & HCR 48

DATE: February 7, 1992

Please consider scheduling HB 438 & HCR 48 for a hearing before your committee. These bills relate to home and community based health care for children & adults with disabilities and the elderly.

House Concurrent Resolution 48 urges the State Department of Health & Social Services, Division of Medical Assistance, to apply for Medicaid waivers from the federal government. The department has been working in this issue since Sen. Uehling's bill authorized the Community and Home Options to Institutional Care for Everyone (CHOICE) study in 1990. I drafted the resolution to allow hearings on this issue and to make public the health care needs of disabled and elderly Alaskans. As Co-chair of the Health Care Resources & Access Task Force, I have learned much about Medicaid and the eligibility restrictions that are tearing families apart and preventing people from working and caring for their children.

HB 438 — the Katie Beckett Bill — provides for health care for children with disabilities. The Katie Beckett or TEFRA Option is the most common *option* used by states. Seventeen states have the TEFRA Option, 28 states have waivers and six have both as of Sept. 1, 1989. The Katie Beckett option allows a child to be Medicaid eligible at home by treating the parents' income in the same way it would be handled if the child were in an institution. The option makes *all* kids under the age of 21 — who qualify as needing an institutional level of care — Medicaid eligible for basic hospital doctor care/health services.

Applying for the waivers and adopting the Katie Beckett option is important in many ways. It allows families to stay together, it saves the state money — because the cost of home or community-based care in many cases is up to three times less the cost of an institution — and it creates jobs — because new home and community-based agencies and businesses must develop in many rural areas to keep those families together. Thank you for your consideration of this request.



amendment to HCR 48

after page 2, line 8, add

Whereas, Alaska has a growing population needing an institutional level of care who will, if not for the availability of home and community based alternatives, require additional investment in construction and operation of new health care facilities; and

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HB 438 SECTIONAL ANALYSIS

HB 438 Amends Alaska Statutes 47.07 — Medical Assistance for Needy Persons

SECTION 1

AS 47.07.020 (b) is amended by adding a new section (10) describing the kind of person to be eligible for the Medicaid option. (A) and (B) defines people under the age of 18 who are eligible for assistance if in a hospital, nursing facility or ICF-MR — whose care would cost less if that person were receiving care at home, and (C) and (D) says that if that person were eligible for Medicaid in the Institution then that person should remain eligible if that person left the facility — disregarding the income and resources of that person's parents, guardian or other caretakers.

SECTION 2

AS 47.07.030 is amended by adding a new section (c) that makes clear in the Statutes that the Department of H&SS can offer services under a waiver.

SECTION 3

AS 47.07.035 is amended to add the new Medicaid option to the list of prioritized Medicaid options the state can offer. It lists the new option as number 20 on the priority list.

SECTION 4

This section recognizes that the state shall seek approval of a waiver from the federal government, to provide home and community based services for persons who are Medicaid eligible.

SECTION 5

Sections 1 and 3 of this Act take effect on the 180th day after the effective date of the Medicaid plan amendments approved by the federal government, under which the state would implement waivers of the type applied for under section 4 of this Act.

We did this so that waivers could be in place before the option kicks in We want the option to kick in only if there are not enough waiver slots for all the kids who need Medicaid services.



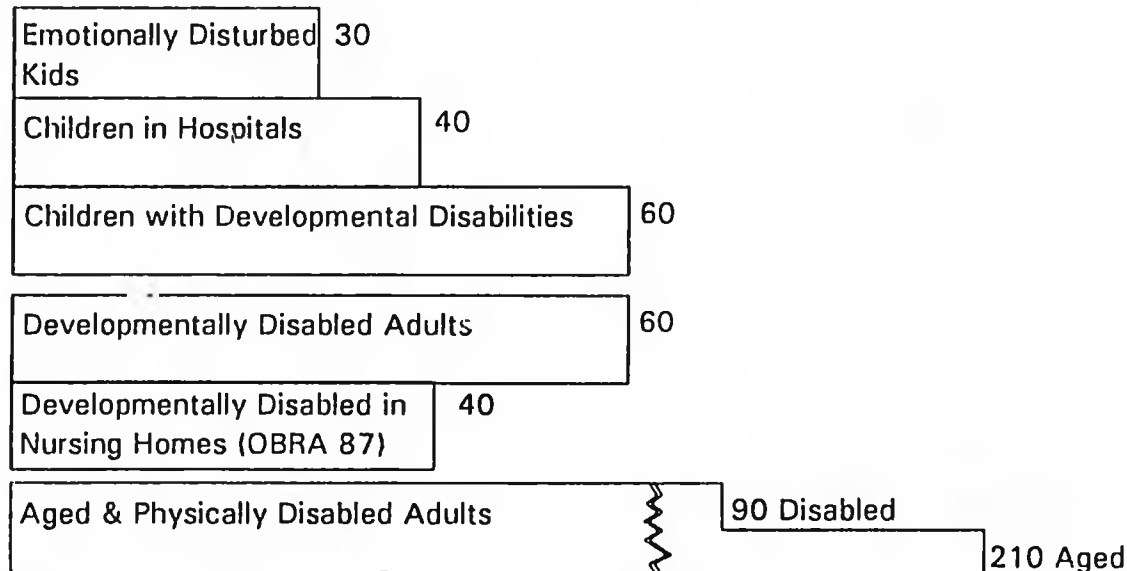
PROJECT CHOICE

A study authorized in 1990, whereby the Dept. of H&SS, the Governor's Council for Handicapped and Gifted, and the Older Alaskans Commission looked together at ways to help clients and families get home & community based services.

HB 438

Rep. Ellis' bill to allow a child to be Medicaid eligible at home, treating the parents' income in the same way it would be handled if the child were in an institution.

Waivers

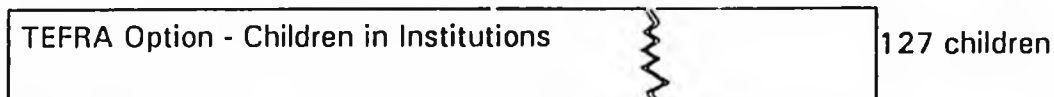


530 people covered

WAIVERS

The Dept of H&SS will apply for 25 waivers for kids next year. All 530 people covered, including all kids - within the next 4 years.

HB 438 — TEFRA Option — Katie Beckett Bill



HB 438 — OPTION

Rep. Ellis bill will serve all kids who qualify for institutional level of care — May take 1 year to write regulations before services begin.

THE MEDICAID WAIVER SUPPORTS MORE SERVICES



**CHILDREN WHO
WOULD BE IN
ICFMR FACILITIES
PSYCHIATRIC
HOSPITALS
HOSPITALS
NURSING
HOMES**



**CHILD GOES HOME
DISREGARDS PARENT'S INCOME
MUST PROVE COST-EFFECTIVENESS
MUST MEET INSTITUTIONAL
LEVEL OF NEED
AGES NEWBORN TO 18 YRS
BILLS PAID FOR:**

- DOCTOR
- PHYSICAL THERAPY
- CHECK UPS
- OTHER STATE PLAN SERVICES



**CHILD GOES HOME
DISREGARDS PARENT'S INCOME
MUST PROVE COST-EFFECTIVENESS
MUST MEET INSTITUTIONAL
LEVEL OF NEED
AGES NEWBORN TO 21 YRS
BILLS PAID FOR:**

- DOCTOR
- PHYSICAL THERAPY
- CHECK UPS
- OTHER STATE PLAN SERVICES

- AND -

- RESPITE CARE
- HABILITATION THERAPY
- HOME MODIFICATIONS
- OTHER INVENTED SERVICES

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(7)

Date Referred: February 3, 1992

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 2/26/92

The HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES Committee considered:

HCR 48

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 48 MEDICAID:HOME- & COMMUNITY-BASED SVCS.

Relating to Medicaid options and waivers for home- and community-based services.

RECOMMENDATIONS: CS HCR 48 (HES) the same title
 be replaced with _____ a new title

have attached amendments(s)

do pass

do not pass

no recommendations

individual recommendations

additional referral to the _____ Committee

ADOPTS: _____ letter of Intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S): _____ (Dept)

APPROVES PREVIOUS: _____ (Dept/Date)

fiscal impact _____

fiscal note(s) _____

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zero fiscal note(s) _____

SIGNING <u>DO</u> PASS	DP	OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS	DNP	NR	AM
<i>Mark Ponder</i>	X				
<i>Cheri Davis</i>	✓				
<i>G. E. Soyars</i>	✓				
<i>Betty Davis</i>	X				
<i>Paul Lewis</i>	✓				
<i>Georgia Smith</i>	✓				

Paul Lewis

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