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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 24, 1992

TO: Senator Pat Rodey, Chair
Senate State Affairs Committee

FROM: Senator Jim Duncan

RE: SB 413, relating to longevity bonus payments for certain nursing home residents.

Thank you for scheduling SB 413, relating to longevity bonus payments for certain nursing home residents. This bill will allow nursing home patients who pay for their own care to receive Longevity Bonus payments. Current state law that forbids payment of a Longevity Bonuses to all nursing home patients staying longer than 90 days is too broad. I believe we need a distinction in state law to allow continuing payment of the bonus to those Alaskans who are paying for these services with insurance proceeds or private funds.

The prohibition against nursing home residents receiving Longevity Bonus payments was to avoid paying bonuses to Alaskans whose care was partially or totally subsidized by the state or federal governments in order to protect benefits. Since the majority of individuals in Alaska's nursing homes are covered by Medicaid, the bill will have minimal impact on the Longevity Bonus Program. Twenty-nine additional Alaskans will become eligible for the bonus with passage of this legislation.

I urge your support for SB 413.

Attachments

Chapter 45. Alaska Longevity Bonus.

Section

10. Persons who may qualify for longevity bonus

Section

70. Unqualified persons

Sec. 47.45.010. Persons who may qualify for longevity bonus.

(a) A person who is 65 years of age or over, who resides in the state for at least one year immediately preceding application for a longevity bonus under this chapter, may apply to the commissioner of administration for qualification to receive a monthly bonus of \$250.

§ 47.45.070 WELFARE, SOCIAL SERVICES & INSTITUTIONS § 47.45.070

(b) When the commissioner of administration determines that an applicant qualifies under this chapter the commissioner shall immediately begin payment of the bonus.

(c) A person who otherwise qualifies to receive a bonus provided for in this chapter may continue to do so only as long as that person continues to be a resident of the state.

(d) *[Repealed, § 62 ch 21 SLA 1991.]* (§ 1 ch 205 SLA 1972; am § 1 ch 33 SLA 1976; am § 1 ch 89 SLA 1978; am § 1 ch 147 SLA 1980; am § 1 ch 13 SLA 1981; am § 2 ch 38 SLA 1984; r § 11 ch 38 SLA 1984; am §§ 5, 6 ch 107 SLA 1989; am §§ 61, 62 ch 21 SLA 1991)

Effect of amendments. — The 1991 amendment, effective June 11, 1991, substituted "one year" for "two years" in subsection (a) and repealed subsection (d).

Sec. 47.45.070. Unqualified persons. (a) An unqualified person is one who

(1) does not meet the age or residence requirements as provided for under this chapter;

(2) meets the age and residence requirements of this chapter but either is confined in a state or federal mental health institution or facility and is certified by the state as unable to manage personal affairs, or resides in a nursing home as that term is defined in AS 08.70.180; however, if that person, at the time of commitment or commencement of residence, provided the principal support of a spouse, the commissioner of administration may determine to pay the confined person's bonus to the person's spouse until the spouse is qualified for a bonus;

(3) is otherwise qualified but confined in a penal or correctional institution or facility; upon completion of sentence or upon the conferral of a pardon, parole or probation, the person may make application; confinement outside the state shall be considered as residence in the state if a person was convicted and sentenced from a court in Alaska; revocation of parole or probation shall be cause for immediate disqualification until release from confinement is again effected;

(4) voluntarily leaves the state and remains absent from the state for a continuous period of more than 90 days.

(b) Notwithstanding (a)(2) of this section, a person who meets the age and residence requirements of this chapter qualifies for the bonus during any period of residence in a nursing home that does not exceed 90 consecutive days if the bonus is exempt from the determination of income eligibility under Supplemental Security Income in 42 U.S.C. 1382a (Sec. 1612(b)(2)(B), Social Security Act), as amended. (§ 1 ch 205 SLA 1972; am § 1 ch 78

ALASKA NURSING HOMES CENSUS

AS OF: December 31, 1991

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FACILITY	MEDICAID PERDIEM RATE	CERTIFIED CAPACITY		MEDICAID/GRM PLACEMENTS		NON-DMA PLACEMENTS		TOTAL CENSUS	VACANT BEDS	% OCCUPANCY OF TOTAL BEDS	
		SNF/ICF	SWING BEDS	ICF	SNF	MEDI-CARE	OTHER*			OVERALL	MEDICAID
CORDOVA HOSPITAL LTC	\$311.34	10	4	10	0	n/a	0	10	4	71%	71%
DEHALI CENTER (Fairbanks)	200.34	101	0	47	11	2	10	70	31	69%	57%
HERITAGE PLACE (Soldotna)	221.90	45	0	27	3	2	4	36	9	80%	67%
ISLAND VIEW MANOR	264.65	46	0	13	3	3	2	21	25	46%	35%
KOTZEBUE SENIOR CITIZEN CARE CTR.	205.87	9	0	5	4	0	0	9	0	100%	100%
KODIAK ISLAND HOSPITAL LTC	246.83	19	4	15	0	0	1	16	7	70%	65%
MARY CONRAD CENTER (Anchorage)	220.64	84	0	81	0	n/a	3	84	0	100%	96%
OUR LADY OF COMPASSION (Anchorage)	184.92	224	0	141	50	6	23	220	4	98%	85%
PETERSBURG HOSPITAL LTC	271.60	14	4	11	0	0	1	12	6	67%	61%
QUYAHNA CARE CENTER (Nome)	310.95	15	0	12	0	n/a	0	12	3	80%	80%
SOURDOUGH PLACE (Valdez)	232.99	16	0	14	0	n/a	0	14	2	88%	88%
SOUTH PENINSULA HOSP. LTC (Homer)	301.47	18	4	12	4	n/a	1	17	5	77%	73%
ST. ANN'S NURSING HOME (Juneau)	203.08	45	0	27	7	0	8	42	3	93%	76%
WESLEY REHAB. CARE CTR. (Seward)	177.37	66	0	42	1	n/a	2	45	21	68%	65%
WRANGELL GENERAL HOSPITAL LTC	265.78	14	4	6	1	0	3	10	8	56%	39%
SWING BEDS (Acute to LTC):											
CENT. PENINSULA HOSP (Soldotna)	198.18	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0%	0%
SEWARD GENERAL HOSPITAL	198.18	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	1	50%	50%
SITKA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	198.18	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	0	100%	0%
VALDEZ COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	198.18	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	0%	0%
VALLEY HOSPITAL (Palmer)	198.18	0	4	0	0	2	0	2	2	50%	0%
TOTAL		764		463	85	17	58	623	141	82%	72%

* - includes VA, private pay, insurance and other.

for Lori Webb 1/21/92
 KAREN MARTZ, ADMINISTRATOR DATE
 DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (907) 561-8081
 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Nursing Home Census



Official Business

Alaska State Legislature

SENATE

State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Date: Monday, February 24, 1992 - 1:30 p.m. Beltz

Senate State Affairs Committee

AGENDA

OK

SB-282 PERS Credit for BIA Service (Adams) Permits non-certificated employees to claim credit for BIA service
FISCAL NOTE ZERO

OK

HB-266 BIA School Contract Employment (Navarre)
Allows former BIA contract employees to pay for into use BIA time for TRS vesting purposes **FISCAL NOTE ZERO**

Held to Wed

SB-409 Recovery of Search and Rescue Expenses (Duncan)
Recover funds if false missing persons claim is filed
FISCAL NOTE: ZERO

SB-413 Longevity Bonus qualifications re: Certain Nursing Home Residents (Duncan) **ADMIN. FISCAL NOTE 87.0**

HCR-43 24th Annual Girls' State (Davis)

HCR-44 26th Annual Boys' State (Kubina)

Weld

SJR-43 Military Spending / Domestic Needs (Sturgulewski)
CS offered: Military reductions in concert with Budget Deficit and Domestic Needs **FISCAL NOTE ZERO**

Next Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday, February 26, 1992 - p.m. Beltz Room

Senators Rodey, (Chair), Duncan (V.Chair), Fischer, Uehling, Pourchot x4522

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA

BILL NO. SB 413

1992 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Revision Date: February 21, 1992

Department Affected: Administration

Title: An Act relating to longevity bonus payments.

BRU: Longevity Bonus

Component: Grants

Sponsor: Senator Duncan

Requestor: _____

COMPONENT

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Expenditures/Revenues: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98
PERSONAL SERVICES	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRAVEL	0	0	0	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUPPLIES	0	0	0	0	0	0
EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAND & STRUCTURES	0	0	0	0	0	0
GRANTS, CLAIMS	87.0	87.0	87.0	87.0	87.0	87.0
MISCELLANEOUS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL OPERATING	87.0	87.0	87.0	87.0	87.0	87.0

CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
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REVENUE FUND SOURCE:	0	0	0	0	0	0
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	87.0	87.0	87.0	87.0	87.0	87.0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER FUND SOURCE	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	87.0	87.0	87.0	87.0	87.0	87.0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

Estimate of current year impact: None

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)
See attached.

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Approved by Commissioner: Nancy Bear Usura *[Signature]*
Agency: Administration

Date: 2/21/92

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Fiscal Note - Position Paper ↓

Fiscal Note
Senate Bill No. 413

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There are approximately 29 nursing home residents over 65 years of age who are fully private pay. This estimate was arrived from a telephone survey of private long-term care facilities during December 1991.

The above calculation does not include residents of the skilled nursing sections of the Pioneers' Homes or the Sourdough Unit at Harborview, Valdez.

The effect of this bill on Medicaid/hold harmless provisions is not addressed in above calculations.

29 residents at \$3000 a year = \$87.000 for FY 93

Assumes effective date July 1, 1992.