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January 18, 2001

Honorable Fred Dyson, Chairman
House Health, Education and
Social Services Committee
State Capitol; Room 104
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Chairman Dyson,

The Department of Health and Social Services respectfully requests a hearing in the House Health, Education and Social Services Committee on House Bill 65 "An Act relating to a new optional group of persons eligible for medical assistance who require treatment for breast or cervical cancer; and providing for an effective date."

Recently Congress enacted PL 106-354, effective October 1, 2000, that creates a new eligibility group of women diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer through the breast and cervical cancer early detection program funded by the Center for Disease Control (CDC). The Department of Health and Social Services has participated in the CDC program for some time.

House Bill 65 would add this new eligibility group to the Medicaid statute so that the women diagnosed through the early detection program can receive treatment paid for by Medicaid. The department estimates that approximately 40 women would benefit from the legislation in FY 2002.

A copy of the fiscal note submitted to the legislature at the time of introduction is attached. Your favorable consideration of this request will be most appreciated.

Sincerely,



Elmer A. Lindstrom
Special Assistant to the Commissioner

CC: Mike Abbott, Legislative Director
Office of the Governor

FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA
2001 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number: _____
 Bill Version: _____
 () Publish Date: _____

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Health & Social Services
 Title: Relating to eligibility of certain women screened BRU: Medical Assistance Adm
to have breast and cervical cancer for Medicaid Component: Medicaid State Programs
 Sponsor: Rules
 Requester: _____ Component Number: 967

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Personal Services						
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Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts	413.4	446.5	482.2	520.8	562.5	607.5
1003 GF Match	175.8	189.8	205.0	221.4	239.1	258.2
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Other (Specify Type)						
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Estimate of any current year (FY2001) cost: 0.0

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
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ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Legislation recently adopted by Congress creates a new Medicaid eligibility group for women diagnosed with cancer who were screened under the Breast and Cervical Cancer Detection Program funded through the Centers for Disease Control. Medicaid eligibility for these women lasts through treatment and includes all Medicaid covered services. The four grantees in Alaska diagnosed 39 women with breast cancer and 33 women with cervical cancer last year. Sixty-one percent of the breast cancer patients and eighteen percent of the cervical cancer patients were Alaska Native. Alaska Native women are not eligible for coverage under this option as they have creditable health insurance coverage as defined in the Public Health Service Act. Average Medicaid expenditures in FY 00 for women treated with these cancers were \$17,500 and \$12,100 respectively. Assumptions for this fiscal note were a federal match rate of 70.17 percent for FY02 (the State Children's Health Insurance match rate) and an eight percent growth rate for each succeeding year.

Prepared by: Nancy Weller, State Federal and Tribal Relations Phone 465-3355
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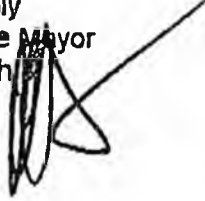
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CLERK'S OFFICE

APPROVED

Date: 4-17-01

Submitted by: Chair of the Assembly
At the Request of the Mayor
Prepared by: Department of Health & Human Services
For Reading: APRIL 17, 2001



ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR NO. 2001-114

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 Chair

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 14 | Municipal Clerk
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Municipality of Anchorage

Department of the Assembly

Office of the Municipal Clerk

FAX (907) 343-4313

FAX TRANSMISSION COVER SHEET

Date: 4/19/01

To: Dyren, Chair Fax: 465-4589

From: James, 343-4311

4 page(s), including this cover sheet.

Subject: Issue 65

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April 20, 2001

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Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol (MS 3100)
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Dyson,

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If you have any questions or concerns regarding the enclosed information, please contact me at (907) 343-6718.

Sincerely,

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Jewel Jones
Director
Department of Health & Human Services

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ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

No. AM 367-2001

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The attached resolution is being submitted to demonstrate support for this legislation and to urge the Alaska State Legislature to pass SB38 and HB65.

RECOMMENDATION:

THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS THE ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION BE APPROVED DEMONSTRATING SUPPORT FOR PASSAGE OF SB38 AND HB65.

Concurrence:

Harry J. Kieling, Jr
Municipal Manager

Prepared by:

Jewel Jones, Director
Department of Health & Human Services

Respectfully submitted,

George P. Wuerch
Mayor



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Municipality of Anchorage

ANCHORAGE WOMEN'S COMMISSION

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WHEREAS, the Anchorage Women's Commission exists to advise the Mayor and Assembly on matters pertaining to the status of women and is particularly concerned with improving opportunities for women in the community including recommendations on legislative and administrative action pertaining to women's issues; and

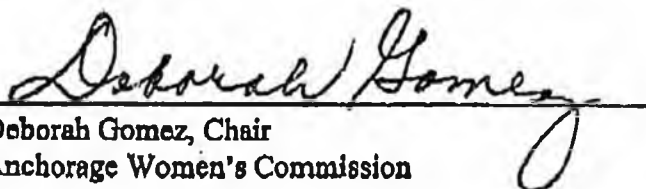
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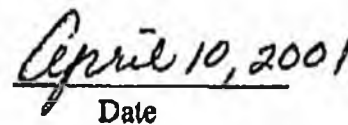
WHEREAS, Governor Tony Knowles introduced legislation (SB38 and HB65), which allows Alaska to opt into a federal-state insurance program (Medicaid), to gain federal dollars to treat uninsured women who have been diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer diagnosed by the Center for Disease Control's screening program; and

WHEREAS, the state's share of the cost is approximately \$175,000, based on the current Alaskan population; and

WHEREAS, early detection and treatment is curative, thereby maintaining the quality of life for the individual, the family, and the community as a whole;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Anchorage Women's Commission strongly recommends the Mayor and Assembly fully support SB38 and HB65, an Act relating to a new optional group of persons eligible for medical assistance who require treatment for breast or cervical cancer.


Deborah Gomez, Chair
Anchorage Women's Commission


Date



Municipality of Anchorage
Department of Health and Human Services
Facsimile Cover Sheet

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Company: HESS Committee
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From: Jewel Jones
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Date: April 20, 2001
Pages including cover page: 6

Comments:

NANCY
BONNETT



April 19, 2001

TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE ON HB 197

My name is Marie Darlin and I live at Fireweed Place here in Juneau.

I represent AARP, as Coordinator of the Capital City Task Force. You have on file a letter from our State Legislative Committee in support of HB 197.

I merely wish to reiterate that AARP has been interested in the additional help given to families by use of the 5 Wishes outline. It definitely helps in planning for health care needs with more complete advance directives from the elderly or disabled person.

I would also direct your attention to Recommendation 10 of the January 1999 Long Term Care Task Force Report. It speaks to the importance of advance directives and the need for public education regarding their availability. I have attached a copy.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Marie Darlin
Marie Darlin
586-3637
FAX 463-3580



ADVANCE DIRECTIVES

RECOMMENDATION
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The Task Force encourages the Alaska Health Fair, Alaska Commission on Aging, AARP, and other related organizations to provide educational information on the importance of advance directives and encourage the use of advance directives in the provision of health care.

“Advance directives help all individuals maintain control over their health care decisions.”

Advance directives are legal documents, prepared in advance of any incapacitating condition, stating the author's preference for health care. Advance directives help all individuals maintain control over their health care decisions even after the loss of decision-making capability. The Task Force heard testimony in support of the concept of planning medical decisionmaking through the use of living wills and durable powers of attorney for health care.

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“AARP has established an education network to inform its membership on many issues facing us as we age.”

The Alaska Health Fair plans and stages over 120 health fairs annually throughout Alaska, reaching approximately 40,000 people in both urban and rural settings. This outreach venue provides an excellent opportunity to inform many citizens on the various advance directives honored in Alaska.

In addition, the American Association of Retired Persons has established an education network to inform its membership on many issues. The Alaska Commission on Aging also regularly circulates information on resources available to all Alaskans as we age. Together their added voices will increase the education effort on the advance directives available.



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

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Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 21:21:37 -0700

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Patrice Parker
907/258-2702

Subject: POM - Public Opinion Message Regarding SB38

Date: Wed, 4 Apr 2001 10:20:24 -0700

From: "Erica Reinikka" <Erica_Reinikka@usw.salvationarmy.org>

To: "Representative_Fred_Dyson@legis.state.ak.us" <Representative_Fred_Dyson@legis.state.ak.us>
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Good afternoon,

I support SB38, the Breast & Cervical Cancer Treatment Bill and I urge you to convince your colleagues in the HESS Committee to pass this legislation out of committee.

Kind Regards,
Erica Reinikka

Erica L. Reinikka
425 South 156th Street, Apt 233-A
Seattle, WA 98148
206-431-8327

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Good afternoon,

I support SB38, the Breast & Cervical Cancer Treatment Bill and I urge you to convince your colleagues in the HESS Committee to pass this legislation out of committee.

Kind Regards,
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Subject: POM - Public Opinion Message - Regarding SB38

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HOUSE BILL NO. 65

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE · FIRST SESSION**

BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

Introduced: 1/16/01

Referred: Health, Education and Social Services, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to a new optional group of persons eligible for medical assistance who
2 require treatment for breast or cervical cancer; and providing for an effective date."

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

4 * Section 1. AS 47.07.020(b) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

5 (15) persons who have been diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer
6 and who are eligible for coverage under 42 U.S.C. 1396a(10)(A)(ii)(XVIII).

7 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA
2001 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number: _____
 Bill Version: _____
 () Publish Date: _____

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Health & Social Services
 Title: Relating to eligibility of certain women screened BRU: Medical Assistance Adm
 to have breast and cervical cancer for Medicaid Component: Medicaid State Programs
 Sponsor: Rules
 Requester: _____ Component Number: 967

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims	589.2	636.3	687.2	742.2	801.6	865.7
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	589.2	636.3	687.2	742.2	801.6	865.7

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

FUND SOURCE	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
1002 Federal Receipts	413.4	446.5	482.2	520.8	562.5	607.5
1003 GF Match	175.8	189.8	205.0	221.4	239.1	258.2
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type)						
TOTAL	589.2	636.3	687.2	742.2	801.6	865.7

Estimate of any current year (FY2001) cost: 0.0

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Legislation recently adopted by Congress creates a new Medicaid eligibility group for women diagnosed with cancer who were screened under the Breast and Cervical Cancer Detection Program funded through the Centers for Disease Control. Medicaid eligibility for these women lasts through treatment and includes all Medicaid covered services. The four grantees in Alaska diagnosed 39 women with breast cancer and 33 women with cervical cancer last year. Sixty-one percent of the breast cancer patients and eighteen percent of the cervical cancer patients were Alaska Native. Alaska Native women are not eligible for coverage under this option as they have creditable health insurance coverage as defined in the Public Health Service Act. Average Medicaid expenditures in FY 00 for women treated with these cancers were \$17,500 and \$12,100 respectively. Assumptions for this fiscal note were a federal match rate of 70.17 percent for FY02 (the State Children's Health Insurance match rate) and an eight percent growth rate for each succeeding year.

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January 18, 2001

Honorable Fred Dyson, Chairman
House Health, Education and
Social Services Committee
State Capitol; Room 104
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Chairman Dyson,

The Department of Health and Social Services respectfully requests a hearing in the House Health, Education and Social Services Committee on House Bill 65 "An Act relating to a new optional group of persons eligible for medical assistance who require treatment for breast or cervical cancer; and providing for an effective date."

Recently Congress enacted PL 106-354, effective October 1, 2000, that creates a new eligibility group of women diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer through the breast and cervical cancer early detection program funded by the Center for Disease Control (CDC). The Department of Health and Social Services has participated in the CDC program for some time.

House Bill 65 would add this new eligibility group to the Medicaid statute so that the women diagnosed through the early detection program can receive treatment paid for by Medicaid. The department estimates that approximately 40 women would benefit from the legislation in FY 2002.

A copy of the fiscal note submitted to the legislature at the time of introduction is attached. Your favorable consideration of this request will be most appreciated.

Sincerely,



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