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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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Finance Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 65(HES)
HB 65 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE: BREAST/CERVICAL CANCER

"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."

and recommends:

- be replaced with _____ CS _____ (_____)
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- attached amendment(s)
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Senate Bill:

- same title
- new title

House Bill:

- same title
- technical title
- new: SCR # _____

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#
<u>HES</u>	<u>5/1/01</u>	<u>5982</u>		<u>#2</u>

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2001 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 2
Bill Version: SCS CSHB 65(HES)
(S) Publish Date: 5/3/01

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Health & Social Services
Title: Relating to eligibility of certain women screened to BRU: Medical Assistance Admin
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Sponsor: House (RLS) by Request of Governor
Requester: Senale (HES) Component Number: 967

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

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

1002 Federal Receipts	413.4	446.5				
1003 GF Match	175.8	189.5				
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Other (Specify Type)						
TOTAL	589.2	636.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2001) cost: 0.0

Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2002 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

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ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

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Prepared by: Nancy Weller Phone 465-3355
Division: Medical Assistance Date/Time 2/9/01 12:00 AM
Approved by: Elmer A. Lindstrom, Special Assistant Date 5/1/01 8:39 AM
Agency: Department of Health & Social Services

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ANALYSIS: (continued)

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May 1, 2001

Honorable Pete Kelly, Co-Chair
Senate Finance Committee
State Capitol; Room 518
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Chairman Kelly,

The Department of Health and Social Services respectfully requests a hearing in the Senate Finance Committee on Committee Substitute for House Bill 65 (HES). "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.

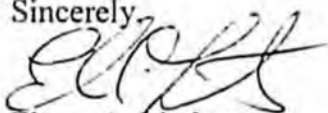
House Bill 65 would add this new eligibility group to the Medicaid statute so that the women diagnosed through the early detection program can receive treatment paid for by Medicaid. The department estimates that approximately 40 women would benefit from the legislation in FY 2002.

The Senate (HES) Committee has considered the bill and recommends it be replaced with a Senate (HES) Committee Substitute which would place the program in temporary law, provide for a two-year sunset, and require the department to prepare a statistical report on various aspects of the program.

Honorable Pete Kelly
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A copy of a revised fiscal note and a summary of the program 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

CS HB 65 (HES) Analysis
Prepared by the Department of Health and Social Services

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program is designed to reduce breast and cervical cancer morbidity and mortality. Women who do not receive regular screening and early detection are more likely to die than women who receive regular screening and have their cancers detected early. The federal government pays 100% of the cost of the screening program. At the enrolled provider's office, women are screened for age and income eligibility and other payment sources. If no other payment sources are available, women sign an enrollment form stating that they are eligible for the program and meet income guidelines. The screening program only covers the screening for, and diagnosis of, breast or cervical cancer.

Last year Congress passed legislation allowing an enhanced match rate for treatment of the cancers detected in this federal screening program by allowing those women without other insurance coverage to become Medicaid eligible for the duration of their cancer treatment.

There are four CDC Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program grantees operating in Alaska: the State of Alaska; SouthCentral Foundation (tribal grantee/Anchorage); Southeast Regional Health Consortium (tribal grantee/SE Alaska); and Arctic Slope Native Association (tribal grantee/North Slope Borough.). In 2000, 72 Alaskan women were diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer through one of the four CDC programs. Of those, 30 were Alaska Native, and 42 were not. State general funds will only be needed for a portion of the cost of services for those women who are not Indian Health Service beneficiaries (42).

The fiscal note was based on the actual Medicaid expenditures for FY2000 for all services for women with a diagnosis of breast and cervical cancer. The average expenditures for these cancers was \$17,500 for breast and \$12,100 for cervical. Medicaid pays for services at a set fee schedule and the providers agree to accept that payment as payment in full except for required co-payments. Again, the costs are only for those women who are not Indian Health Service beneficiaries. Because the women will be eligible for Medicaid only for the duration of their breast or cervical cancer treatment, the enrollment numbers are not cumulative over the long term. Women lose their Medicaid eligibility once their treatment is complete.

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January 12, 2001

The Honorable Brian Porter
Speaker of the House
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Speaker Porter:

This past year, Congress passed legislation to improve health care for women by extending Medicaid coverage for treatment of breast and cervical cancer. In the interest of improving Alaskans' health care, I am pleased to present this bill that allows the state to take advantage of this worthwhile program.

By opting into this new Medicaid program, uninsured women who have been diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer under a federally financed screening program will be eligible for treatment. In Alaska that could mean some 70 women or so per year who could not otherwise afford cancer treatment may be able to receive care.

The federal program began in 1990 when Congress passed the Breast and Cervical Cancer Mortality Prevention Act establishing the Center for Disease Control's (CDC) national breast and cervical cancer early detection program. The CDC program provides grants for screening exams to millions of people who meet eligibility guidelines throughout the country each year, including Alaska. The grantees provide clinical breast exams, pelvic exams, and mammograms.

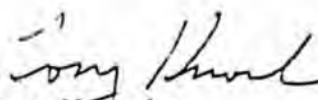
Unfortunately, federal money did not provide for follow-up treatment to any of the uninsured persons diagnosed with cancer -- until now. With last year's Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Act signed into law, states may select a new Medicaid option to cover cancer treatments of uninsured women diagnosed under the CDC early detection program.

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The Honorable Brian Porter
January 12, 2001
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According to the American Cancer Society, an estimated 182,800 new cases of invasive breast cancer and 12,800 new cases of invasive cervical cancer are expected to occur among women in the United States during 2000, resulting in an estimated 45,400 deaths. As a result of the recent congressional action, diagnosed, uninsured, low-income persons can receive the treatment needed to save their lives. In order to extend this program to Alaska women, I urge your prompt and favorable action on this legislation.

Sincerely,


Tony Knowles
Governor

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SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 4/30/01

FURTHER: Finance

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Health, Education and Social Services Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 65(HES)
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PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#

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SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
<i>George Miller</i>			✓	
<i>Drew J. Bluman</i>			✓	
<i>Betty Davis</i>				✓
CHAIR <i>Lynda Green</i>				✓

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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HB 65-MEDICAL ASSISTANCE:BREAST/CERVICAL CANCER

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