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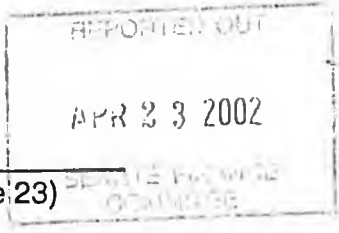
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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 4/18/02



FURTHER:

Date of 5-Day Notice: _____
(in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED IN TO OFFICE: 04/23/02

Finance Committee considered

SENATE BILL NO. 364

"An Act relating to medical services under the state Medicaid program."

and recommends:

- be replaced with _____ CS _____ (_____)
- adopt previous _____ CS _____ (_____)
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt Letter of Intent by _____ Committee
- further referral to _____ Committee

Senate Bill:

- same title
- new title

House Bill:

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

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#
DHSS	4/22/02	*		

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
<i>[Signature]</i>	✓			
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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2002 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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LEGISLATIVE OFFICE

Fiscal Note Number: _____
Bill Version: SB 364
() Publish Date: _____

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Health & Social Services
Title: MEDICAL SERVICES UNDER THE STATE MEDICAID PROGRAM BRU: Medical Assistance
Component: Medicaid Services
Sponsor: SENATE (RLS) BY REQUEST
Requestor: SENATE (FIN) Component Number: 2077

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	*	*	*	*	*	*

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES (0)						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--do not abbrevia						
TOTAL	*	*	*	*	*	*

Estimate of any current year (FY2002) cost: _____

Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2003 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

The department cannot determine a fiscal impact related to this bill, as it is unclear how physicians will interpret the language in subsection (b), and how that interpretation may or may not differ from current practice in referring a woman for an abortion.

Prepared by: Nancy Weller Phone 465-3355
Division: Medical Assistance Date/Time 04/22/2002
Approved by: Elmer A. Lindstrom, Deputy Commissioner Date 04/22/2002
Agency: Department of Health & Social Services

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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
4 / 23 / 2002 COMMITTEE ACTION

Bill Number	364 ^{SB} 364
Amendment	
Motion	ADOPT Bill
Motion by	Ward
Objection by	
Removed	
Second Objection by	
<u>Committee Member</u>	Y Vote N
Senator Austerman	✓ ✓
Senator Green	✓
Senator Hoffman	
Senator Leman	✓
Senator Olson	✓
Senator Ward	✓
Senator Wilken	✓
Co-Chair Donley	✓ ✓
Co-Chair Kelly	✓
<u>Tally</u>	
Yea	6
Nay	2
Absent	
MOTION	PASSED

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Senator Pete Kelly
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SB 364 Sponsor Statement

“An Act relating to medical services under the State Medicaid program”

A majority of Alaskans agree it is inappropriate to use state funds to provide elective abortions. Despite the many efforts of the legislature, however, we have been unable to implement the will of the people. All attempts to bring Alaskan Medicaid funding under federal standards, which prohibit funding abortions except for rape, incest and life of mother, have been thwarted by the Alaska Supreme Court.

The Alaska Administrative Code defines therapeutic abortion as, “the termination of a pregnancy; certified by a physician as *medically necessary* to prevent the death or disability of the woman, or to ameliorate a condition harmful to the woman’s physical or psychological health.” *Medically necessary* has proved too broad, allowing elective abortions to take cover under its umbrella of protection. Currently, any form of emotional discomfort a woman may experience from pregnancy could warrant a “medically necessary” termination.

SB 364 defines “medically necessary” thus restricting Medicaid funded abortions to those cases that fall under Hyde Amendment guidelines.



SB 364-MEDICAID PAYMENTS FOR ABORTIONS
SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

SIGN-IN

NAME: ✓ Dr. John Middaugh Subject/Bill No: _____
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Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

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Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions Fiscal note

NAME: _____ Subject/Bill No: _____

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Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

NAME: _____ Subject/Bill No: _____

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COMMITTEE: SFIN

DATE: C4-23-02

SUBJECT OF MEETING:

SB 364

UPDATE #: 1



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REPRESENTING

DO YOU WANT
TO TESTIFY?
Y or N

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