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February 12, 2002

The Honorable Fred Dyson
Alaska State Legislature
Capital Room 104
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Representative Dyson,

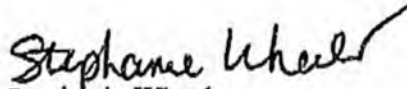
Thank you for allowing us to submit public comment on House Bill 367. On behalf of the Catholic Social Services-Beyond Shelter program participants, we strongly urge you to maintain the current eligibility and funding level for the Denali Kid Care program.

The Denali Kid Care program has been highly successful in providing much needed medical care to families who do not have health insurance and/or cannot afford health insurance. This includes many of our families who are working and earning low to moderate wages. Denali Kid Care is an incentive for many of these families to continue working without the added burden of having no health care coverage. And as we all know, health care is essential for the well-being of all Alaska's children.

Additionally, the cost of health insurance plans are steadily increasing, making health care plans including deductibles, and co-payments less affordable. It is a known fact that children with health care coverage are more likely to receive well baby check ups as well as immunization and other early screening care, which helps in discovering medical problems early. All children should be able to have access to medical care when needed, and should not be determined by whether or not a parent can afford it.

It is also essential that all pregnant women have access to prenatal care, whether or not they can afford it. Prenatal care is one of the best methods in determining the best birth outcome for a baby and helps give Alaska's children a healthy start in life.

Again, we believe that the Denali Kid Care program is an essential program for Alaskan families. In order to continue to meet the needs of Alaska's children and pregnant women, funding must not be reduced. Thank you!


Stephanie Wheeler
Program Director,
Catholic Social Services-Beyond Shelter Program

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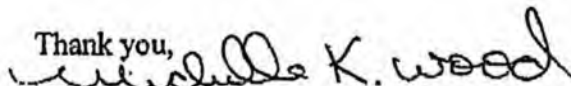
Subject: Denali Kid Care HB 367 Hearing

To Whom It May Concern:

As a mother of three children who are currently recipients of Denali Kid Care, I am extremely opposed to reducing the income levels for Denali Kid Care eligibility.

I was forced to apply for Denali Kid Care about 2 months ago when after 15 years of marriage my husband had some sort of mental break down and left me and our three children to fend for ourselves. I went from a two-person income to one income very quickly. As my husband quit his job at the same time he left, he left our children with no medical coverage. I make what would be considered good money, however, in the present economy, I quickly found out that it was going to be very difficult to support the four of us on my income. I definitely could not afford the cost of adding my kids to my insurance. I knew that I needed to take the appropriate steps to force support from my husband. But in the mean time, I had two daughters who needed glasses very badly, I had one daughter who needed to have dental surgery immediately, and I had three daughters who needed mental health care to help them make it through this tough transition without losing themselves. This has been a very difficult time for me. But being able to apply for and receive Denali Kid Care has been a tremendous blessing. It has allowed me keep my kids and myself intact while we attempt to work through this. If income levels were reduced, I am sure that I would probably have not been eligible. Then I would have had to make the choice between food and shelter or decent medical care for my kids. No one should be forced to make that decision.

Thank you,



Michelle K. Wood

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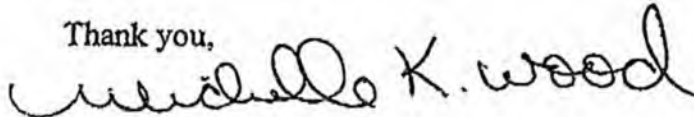
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Subject: Denali Kid Care HB 367 Hearing

To Whom It May Concern:

I am extremely opposed to reducing the income levels for Denali Kid Care eligibility. I am the Case Management Supervisor at CSS/Clare House. Clare House is a 30-day emergency shelter for homeless women and children. In working with the women and children that come to Clare House, I refer these women to Denali Kid Care on a daily basis. With the Welfare Reform Act, we are seeing more and more working poor single mothers attempting to support their children and selves with a minimum amount of income. Many of them are in entry level positions and either the company does not offer health care insurance or the cost for the woman to add her children to her health insurance is too high. Denali Kid Care has been a wonderful resource. It allows these women to shelter and feed her children without worrying about being able to afford to provide adequate health care, eye care, dental care and mental health care for her kids. These things are vital to her children's' lives, however, if forced to choose, shelter and food must come first. Please do not force these families to make that choice. Imagine if you had to make that choice.

Thank you,

Michelle K. Wood
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February 12, 2002

Representative Fred Dyson
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol (MS 3100)
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Dear Representative Dyson;

I am writing to express my opposition to House Bill 367, which proposes eliminating health care coverage for approximately 3,821 children and 722 pregnant women, who are currently covered by Denali Kidcare.

The bill purportedly "saves" \$5 million dollars – but its actual cost is astronomical. The "savings" will cost the State of Alaska an additional loss of approximately \$11.9 million in Federal matching funds as well as the future costs related to denying preventative care to this population. Pregnant mothers who do not receive prenatal care are at risk of having premature or unhealthy babies, which will require extensive medical care once born. Children who do not receive preventative care will return to Alaska's health care system with fully manifested health care problems that are likely to be more costly than the preventative care.

Please do not sell our children, nor our State, short in this time of budget awareness. This bill costs much more than it supposedly saves.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Camille Soleil".

Camille Soleil, JD
Executive Director

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To: Representative Fred Dyson **From:** Camille Soleil

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Re: HB 367 **CC:**

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To Sherr	From JAN LYNDOS
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To Representatives John Coghill and others concerned,

Feb 12, 2002

I am writing in objection to HB 367 - Changing Denali KidCare.

WHY COVER HEALTH INSURANCE FOR CHILDREN?

- Health care insurance is vital to the wellbeing of ALL Alaska's children.
- Health care insurance coverage for children is cheap - \$552 per year, per child in state funds.
- With Denali KidCare, nearly 71 cents of every dollar spent is federal funds; only 29 cents comes from state general funds. This change will save the state \$5 million dollars when fully implemented, while giving up \$11.9 million in Federal Funds.
- Program elimination will result in a huge loss of federal funds for neon care.
- The state used part of the \$30 million savings from the Medicaid federal match rate change to expand coverage for children and pregnant women.
- HB 367, if adopted by the Legislature, will reduce the income levels for Denali KidCare so that 3,821 children and 722 pregnant women lose health care coverage. Children with health care coverage are *much* more likely to receive well-baby/well-child care, well baby information, adequate immunizations, and have health care problems discovered early. All of which save money in the long run.
- Services for children enrolled in Denali KidCare who also are eligible for Tribal Health Services are paid for with 100% federal funds.
- Denali KidCare helps working families who work in jobs with no benefits to provide health care for their children. This is most non-government jobs in the Homer area.

WHY COVER HEALTH INSURANCE FOR PREGNANT WOMEN?

- Prenatal care is the single most cost-effective health care expenditure. Without medical coverage many women would not gain the important information and education provided in prenatal visits. Possibly causing harm to their unborn baby.
- Prenatal care ensures the best birth outcome for the baby.

Prenatal care is the best method of assuring a healthy start for all Alaskan children.

Denali Kidcare covered me for my pregnancy and the birth of my healthy 9-month-old son. Due to this coverage I was able to receive ongoing care and education throughout the pregnancy. This being my husbands and my first child we found this information vital to the eventual health of my son. Due to complications during his birth my son was born caesarian, a decision we may have delayed due to concerns of the expense. This delay or continued attempt to deliver naturally could have caused my son life-threatening trauma or death.

I feel that Denali Kidcare allowed me to have a birth complication not effect the physical of mental health of my son.

I would like to take a moment to thank people involved for the creation and adoption of this program. I have worked all my life and have covered my own medical expenses frugally. Now that I am a mom I am working fulltime as a mom which of course does not pay much money and does not

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provide health insurance. This position confronts me with more responsibility and less income. Leaving me even more dependent on assistance for the health of my son.

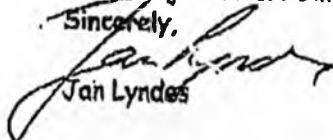
My son would be one of the children cut by this House Bill 367.

We are now pregnant with our 2nd and last child, I would be one of the pregnant women cut by House Bill 367.

My husband works hard to support us all and we live frugally and self sufficiently but with the cost of health care it is beyond our reach.

Please reject House Bill 367.

Sincerely,



Jan Lyndes

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To: Representative Dyson
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Comments: This is faxed testimony for the
HHEIS hearing this afternoon. Re: HB 367.
Thank-you
Sheri

Subject: Denali Kid Care

Date: Tue, 12 Feb 2002 15:13:26 -0900

From: "Teddy" <tvwill@aptalaska.net>

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Representatives:

I live in Wrangell and I have seen a number of children benefit from the Denali Kid Care program. A little boy born with 3/4 of his heart would not be alive today and preparing for an operation to replumb his heart if it were not for Denali. A 11 year old boy with genetic back problems would not be functioning as a boy today, with straight As in school, if it were not for Denali.

This program was set in place for families that do not have health insurance for their family even though both parents are working, even more than one job at a time.

Denali Kid Care is an important program for this State, especially since adequate health care is sometimes not available in the local community.

Please consider the children and pregnant mothers that will not have health care if you all decide to cut Denali Kid Care.

Consider the following:

HB 367 - Changing Denali KidCare

Denali KidCare is a program that went into effect March 1, 1999 to provide health care insurance primarily to uninsured children in working and non-working families and to pregnant women. Funded mainly with federal dollars, this program expanded Medicaid income levels to assure that more Alaskan children receive a healthy start in life.

Denali KidCare takes advantage of enhanced federal funding under the State Child Health Insurance Program (S-CHIP) adopted by Congress in 1997 to provide health care insurance for uninsured children. S-CHIP was created to address the increase in the number of children without health insurance as employer coverage of dependents becomes less common.

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C Health care insurance is vital to the wellbeing of Alaska's children.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter

Teddy Williams

Wrangell

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Subject: Denali Kid Care support

Date: Tue, 12 Feb 2002 12:03:35 -0900

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To the Hess Committee,

I am very familiar with the benefits of the Denali Kid Care and oppose HB 367, No Kid Care Bill. It is hard to believe that a political party that talks about cutting the state budget would even consider stopping the Denali Kid Care because the program reduces the cost of injury and illnesses to a population at high risk.

The HESS committee is short sighted in their thinking. If you cut Denali Kid Care then you will increase the cost of state subsidized emergency care and hospitalization because these people cannot afford preventive care but tap healthcare in a crisis. It is an error in thinking that if you cut Denali Kid Care then you will reduce the demand for services. It does not happen.

Be cost effective and support public health policy that includes Denali Kid Care.

Joan Diamond
Anchorage, Alaska
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Subject: HB 367

Date: Tue, 12 Feb 2002 18:43:10 -0900

From: Patricia-Michael Grandiotti <mikepat@gci.net>

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To the members of the House HESS Committee:

I wasn't able to attend the hearing that was held today, Tuesday January 12, 2002, to voice my opinion about HB 367.

I am opposed to this bill that would deny eligibility for Denali KidCare to Alaska's children and pregnant women. I am a registered nurse and one of my core values is the health and well-being of all, but especially the health and well-being of children and pregnant women. These two groups are most vulnerable, and I believe that ensuring health coverage for them through a program like Denali KidCare is critical to their future.

Children who get regular check ups will have health problems identified early, when treatment is more cost-effective and has the best chance of resulting in a healthy adult, who will contribute to a healthy economy.

Pregnant women who receive preratal care have the best chance of delivering healthy, full-term babies, and these are the kids who have the best start in life.

I hope that you will all agree that limiting Denali KidCare doesn't make sense. Because the Federal Government pays 71 cents of every dollar spent on health care, the cost to the state is minimal. I hope that we don't put our kids in the middle of the state's economic debate!

Sincerely,
Patricia Hong
Registered Nurse

Subject: HB 367

Date: Wed, 13 Feb 2002 06:55:20 -0900

From: Tom Conley <prophet@ptialaska.net>

To: Fred Dyson <Representative_Fred_Dyson@legis.state.ak.us>

Dear Representative Dyson, I listened to and briefly participated in the testimony on HB 367 on 12 Feb. I get the impression there is a fair amount of misunderstanding about the function and impact of Denali Kid Care. Oddly it is the group of participants whose incomes are between 100% and 200% of the poverty level who are most in need of consideration. Those at or below 100% of the poverty level have been covered for years and would have continued to be covered in almost any scheme; those above 200% of the poverty level or who hold jobs that offer group insurance (teachers, municipal workers, etc) don't need the assistance and under present policy (even in the case of the insured whose incomes fall under 200%) don't qualify. Those who are being left out in the cold are those who, at between 150-200% of the poverty level and without insurance, earn enough to be able to provide themselves with food, shelter, clothing, but who can't afford or in many cases even obtain insurance. This group is well represented in Alaska and includes such people as self employed fishermen, self employed craftsmen, small business owners and their employees, day care providers, etc. For the most part, were they able to get insurance at some affordable cost, I'm sure most of them would avail themselves of the coverage. Indeed, if some way was available for them to pay in the estimated \$552 yearly cost per individual to the program's coffers, one suspects most would take advantage of the opportunity (which might suggest a way to partially amortize the cost of the coverage were it not for federal regs prohibiting partial recovery of Medicaid fees).

There really are no other programs out there for these productive citizens. The WIC program mentioned in testimony is strictly a nutrition program offering free or partially subsidized foodstuffs. Health insurance for individuals or very small groups is outrageously expensive and often has severe coverage restrictions. The end result is that these individuals and families often do not seek routine prenatal and well child care and at a much higher rate than average present to the health care system late. Late is always expensive both in terms of preventable consequences and in terms of cost of services. Much of this preventable cost eventually falls on the state both directly through health care subsidization in a variety of ways and indirectly in terms of increased costs to the school system for special needs programs.

All in all contraction of present coverage, while it offers some limited short term savings for the state, will come at the cost of significant increases in long term expenditures. The present program is cost effective and humane. I would urge you to let it continue to function at its present level. As to the background argument that the program is somehow subsidizing those not in need of assistance, I would urge you to look more closely at who is being served and convince yourself, as I think you will on the basis of objective evidence, that this simply is not the case.

I think it is important to remember that the bulk of the funding for the program is federal and that those already covered by other federal programs (in Alaska this group is mainly made up of Alaska Native beneficiaries), while qualifying for the for Denali Kid Care, are funded 100% with federal dollars.

Sincerely, Thomas L Conley, MD, FAAP Pediatrician and Vice-President Sitka School Board

Subject: HR 367

Date: Tue, 12 Feb 2002 20:19:01 -0900

From: Cathy Giessel <cgiessel@mac.com>

To: Representative_Fred_Dyson@legis.state.ak.us

Mr. Dyson

This is not the time to be cutting health care benefits for children and pregnant women! Please oppose HR 367.

Thank you.

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Cathy

Cathy Giessel, MSN, RN, FNP-CS
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Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover. (Mark Twain)

You cannot escape the responsibility tomorrow by evading it today.
(Abraham Lincoln)

Subject: Opposition to HB367!!!

Date: Tue, 12 Feb 2002 13:09:27 -0800

From: Mary Vogel <mvogel@northstar.k12.ak.us>

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Representative_Reggie_Joule@legis.state.ak.us

I've been an elementary, & am now a high school nurse for the FNSBSD for a total of 12 years. And, I work in the Womens' ctr (maternity/GYN surgery) at FMH during summers & Christmas break.

I know first hand the SIGNIFICANT number of women & children that DIRECTLY benefit from & RECEIVE BETTER, DESERVED HEALTH CARE because they qualified for & receive DKC benefits!!

Gov. Knowles made a solemn vow to boost the DHSS services available to ALL AK in his pkg 3 years ago; I feel you should NOT tamper w/the services currently available. As a "17 yr Alaskan", I'm all for instituting a local sales tax, as well as a modest state income tax, that Gov. Knowles recently proposed. It is NOT fair to our state to have MANY out-of-state "employees" lavishly cashing in on our industries, & not leaving one dime behind for the MANY state services they may utilize!!! This would greatly stabilize the "BOOM/BUST" economic rollercoaster ride our DHSS programs have continuously undergone, noticed ever since I arrived from Okla. in '84.

Our drug & alcohol problems are OFF THE CHART compared to lower 48; I see the resultant neglect, abuse, & "perpetuation of the cycle" nearly every day in my alternative high school of 130 high-risk 9-12th graders... Without DKC, MANY of our students who are living on their own & making minimum wage, would have NO HEALTH CARE COVERAGE!!! THIS IS THE MOST AT-RISK AGE RANGE for STDs (which need prompt treatment), depression & suicide attempts (which need prompt mental health services), & teen pregnancy (which need prompt & consistent prenatal care). Of all Alaskans, our children fall into the highest "poverty range" group. I think spending \$5 million in order to continue getting \$11.9 million in federal \$\$ IS WELL WORTH IT!!

GOOD HEALTH DIRECTLY IMPROVES ABILITY TO LEARN! HAVING NEEDED GLASSES & MEDICAL EXAMS DIRECTLY IMPROVES A CHILD'S ABILITY TO LEARN! Have you looked at your last dentist's bill lately? Here in Fbks, you can expect to pay \$250-\$400 for a routine filling & exam, which MAY include an XR... New OSHA laws are requiring dentists to change needles BETWEEN injections when they are numbing your mouth...add those added equipment & time costs to your final bill pretty soon!

What is the point of spending millions in efforts of raising education standards, when the children are unable to pay for a Dr/practitioner's visit, & continue to attend school ill, & often contagious!! What's the point of having cutting edge curriculum when kids squint & struggle to see the board or their textbooks? The best teachers in this state can't motivate a depressed student, whose not focusing on school because he's worried how he's gonna care for his little brother after school, since his single mom was just busted for running a crack house in town... Have you tried to concentrate on important work when you have a bad toothache, knowing you have to wait months to get a Salvation Army pro bono appt?

Please talk to the "homeless" community of Willow to see if DKC has benefitted them.

Please talk to the many single parents in our state working 2 jobs, but are still unable to pay for dental & medical care for their kids & or themselves. Please ask the native community if the extended DKC benefits have aided in their being able to pay for glasses & certain prescriptions...

There is LOTS of pork & pet projects flowing through the capitol; I STRONGLY urge you to leave DKC program alone! MANY ALASKANS COUNT ON THAT NEEDED & DESERVED DHSS PROGRAM!!

"Healthy Communities - Healthy People"

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TESTIMONY - HB 367

TO: House HESS *JA*
 FROM: Stan Steadman, Coordinator, Healthy Communities/
 Healthy People- Soldotna; and Interim Executive Director,
 Central Peninsula Health Centers, Inc.- Soldotna
 RE: HB 367 - Urging Defeat
 DATE: February 12, 2002

Healthy Communities/Healthy People (HC/HP), a network organized to improve the health of Central Kenai Peninsula citizens, has worked over the past several years to develop programs to offer youth opportunities for medical and dental health care. Central Peninsula Health Centers, Inc. (CPHC) is such a program, recently established through the efforts of HC/HP and in partnership with the U.S. Bureau of Primary Health Care to provide direct medical and dental services to under- and uninsured youth.

Children who do not receive regular and adequate medical and dental services will undoubtedly cost society more in the long run than those who receive care. Although HB 367 appears to save money, it comes with a high longer-term price.

Of critical concern to HC/HP and CPHC is oral health. Dental decay is the most common childhood disease. This is a disease that is both preventable and treatable. Low income individuals suffer the worst oral health. According to the National Institute of Dental Craniofacial Research, "Uninsured children are 2.5 times less likely to receive dental care than insured children and are 3 times as likely to have dental needs."

Even with Dental Kid Care coverage, families face many barriers to accessing health care. By taking this needed funding away from our children we are placing them at an even higher risk of slipping through the cracks.

We should be focusing our efforts on how to have healthier children in our State not taking away basic care from those who need it most. I urge you to vote against HB 367.

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- OR -

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COOK INLET
T R I B A L
COUNCIL, INC.

February 13, 2002

House of Representatives
Representative Fred Dyson
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Representative ^{Fred}~~Dyson~~:

I am concerned that the State Legislature is considering changing the income level criteria for Denali Kid through House Bill 367. I would ask you to maintain Denali Kid Care as it provides a viable service.

If you cut the income level criteria our children and pregnant women will lose health care coverage. It is unnecessary for a state so limited in population and *human resources* to risk the lives of any of our people.

As a provider of social service programs for Alaska Natives and American Indians, we at Cook Inlet Tribal Council (CITC) can assure you that the costs of helping someone with a medical crisis is much more expensive and labor intensive than helping someone who has access to basic health care. In addition, under current Denali Kid Care income criteria, services for children enrolled in Denali Kid care who are eligible for Tribal Health Services are paid for with 100% federal funds, which makes this a no cost venture for the State.

Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Inc. is dedicated to helping Alaska Native and American Indians become healthy productive *human resources* for the State of Alaska. Please protect Denali Kid Care as the investment is in insuring the children of today and tomorrow are healthy productive *resources* for the State of Alaska.

Sincerely,

COOK INLET TRIBAL COUNCIL, Inc.

Perry R. Ahsogeak
Vice President, Programs

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PEDIATRIC CONSULTANTS OF ALASKA, INC.*Clinton B. Lillibridge, M.D., F.A.A.P.*

Representative Dyson,
Chairman H.E.S.S. Committee
State Capital Room 104
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

12 February, 2002

Re: HB 367

Dear Mr. Dyson,

As an advocate for children, I am **strongly opposed** to this Bill. The American Academy of Pediatrics has shown in several studies that preventative medical services and providing care in an office or clinic setting greatly reduces overall costs by preventing the over use of emergency rooms and reduces hospitalizations.

The Bill doesn't make good economic sense either. By cutting \$5 million in State expenditure, Alaska loses \$11.9 million in Federal funds which support many other programs. That is DUMB!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Clinton B. Lillibridge M.D.", located below the word "Sincerely,".

Clinton B Lillibridge, M.D.
Pediatrician in Alaska since 1969



Honorable Fred Dyson, Chair
House Health, Education and Social Service Committee
Alaska Capitol Room 104 (MS3100)
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

RE: HB 367 – Oppose

Dear Representative Dyson,

On behalf of the 112,000 members of AARP in Alaska, we oppose HB 367, authored by Representative John Coghill.

We understand the Legislature's need to resolve our fiscal problems but we do not believe it is good public policy nor good health policy to take families off the Denali KidCare program and increase the number of uninsured in our state.

Most of our uninsured are working families whose employer does not provide insurance. Denali KidCare provides a valuable safety net for many children in these families as well as for pregnant women. Health insurance increases the chances for good health throughout one's life.

AARP will support fiscal decisions that you and your colleagues make that are fair and make sense. We do not feel it makes sense to take Alaskans currently receiving health insurance benefits off that coverage.

AARP recommends a "NAY" vote on HB 367.

Should you have any questions about our position, please feel free to contact Marie Darlin (586-3637), Coordinator of the AARP Capitol City Task Force; Patrick Luby, AARP Legislative Representative (907-762-3314); or me (907-245-5259).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marguerite Stetson".

Marguerite Stetson
AARP Alaska Executive Council Member for Advocacy

cc: Vice-Chair Representative Peggy Wilson
Representative John Coghill, Jr.
Representative Vic Kohring
Representative Gary Stevens
Representative Sharon Cissna
Representative Reggie Joule

FROM to Interior Delegation

Object to lowering the maximum allowable income for the Denali Kid Care Program.

I am a member of the lower income middle class who is not eligible for health care through native heritage or government employment. The current threshold is actually TOO LOW. For example, the expense of having a baby is approximately \$10,000-\$12,000! Private insurance for a family of 3 costs well over \$1000/month. Individuals in my category must go without medical insurance.

Please take a hard look at the Denali Kid Care Program and adjust it so that Children and pregnant mothers in our category can qualify.

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February 14, 2002

Governor's proposal offers a starting point for solving subsistence; ANILCA changes should be added

United Fishermen of Alaska (UFA) announced support for Governor Knowles' efforts to resolve the subsistence controversy but pointed to the need to include changes to ANILCA (Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act), the federal subsistence law, as part of a solution for the subsistence debate.

For over ten years, UFA has supported efforts to provide for a rural subsistence priority and to end federal subsistence management. UFA's long-standing policy on subsistence calls for a three-part solution:

1. A constitutional amendment to allow a rural subsistence priority;
2. Changes to state law to put the rural priority into effect; and
3. Technical changes to ANILCA to correct deficiencies in the federal subsistence law.

"The Governor's proposal includes a constitutional amendment and state statutes that would provide dramatic increases in the protections for subsistence," said David Bedford, chair of UFA's Subsistence Committee.

"However, the proposal does not offer the modest protections that Alaskan commercial, sport, and personal use fishermen would gain from technical changes to ANILCA," he continued.

UFA supports technical changes to ANILCA because that federal law ignores key issues, for example, it gives no guidance on the amount of subsistence fish and game subsistence-harvesters can sell.

"Without changes to ANILCA to address the gaps in the law, federal courts will invent solutions," said Bedford.

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association • Alaska Trollers Association • At-sea Processors Association • Bristol Bay Resery
Chignik Regional Aquaculture Association • Concerned Area "M" Fishermen • Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association
Copper River Salmon Producers Association • Cudova District Fishermen United • Douglas Island Pink and Chum
Kenai Peninsula Fishermen's Association • Kotik Regional Aquaculture Association • Kotik Fishermen's Association • North Pacific Fisheries Association
Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association • Old Harbor Fishermen's Association • Petersburg Vessel Owners Association
Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation • Purse Seine Vessel Owners Association • Seafood Producers Cooperative
Southeast Alaska Regional Diver Fishery Association • Southeast Alaska Seiners Association • Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association
United Cook Inlet Diver Association • United Salmon Association • United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters

"Solutions that make sense in a federal courtroom in San Francisco can have adverse impacts here at home," he continued.

"I am glad to see that the Governor has put a proposal on the table to resolve subsistence," said Bob Thorstenson, President of UFA.

"With the Governor proposing a constitutional amendment and suggestions for changes to state statutes, the glass is definitely half-full. If we add technical changes to ANILCA we might have a package that will make it this time," he continued.

"We will continue work with all interested groups to support subsistence and end federal involvement in management of fish and game," Thorstenson concluded.

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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Please enter into the record my testimony to the HOUSE (M.E.S.S.)
 Committee on HB 252 Committee Name Dated 12-14-02
Bill / Subject

I SUPPORTED THE ORIGINAL BILL. NOW, I QUESTION THE NEED TO REMOVE PARENTAL RIGHTS RECOGNITION FROM CONSTRUCTION, AND TO PLACE IT IN INTENT LANGUAGE. THE DEPARTMENT MUST ACTUALLY DO THIS; NOT SIMPLY INTEND TO DO THIS, WHILE ACTUALLY NOT "RECOGNIZING" PARENTAL RIGHTS. REPRESENTATIVE CISSNA'S AMENDMENTS CAN NOT BE ASSESSED UNTIL WRITTEN COPIES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE FAIRBANKS L.I.O. THANK YOU.

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YUKON-KUSKOKWIM HEALTH CORPORATION

"Fostering Native Self-Determination in Primary Care, Prevention and Health Promotion."

Testimony of Valerie Davidson, Executive Vice President
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Thank you for the opportunity to be heard today. The Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation opposes any change to reduce the eligibility for Denali KidCare from its current level. We understand that HB 367 proposes to reduce eligibility from 200% of the federal poverty level to 150%. An estimated 3,821 children and 722 pregnant women who now receive health coverage under Denali KidCare would lose health care coverage.

As you deliberate, we ask you to remember that the need for medical care does not distinguish whether a woman or child is eligible for Denali KidCare. The need for medical care arises, regardless of the coverage. People who don't have health insurance are less likely to seek routine medical care. Rather, they often wait until the situation is more chronic and an emergency arises. That family is then forced to seek emergency medical treatment at an ER at double the cost. Tragically, what this means is that the population that most needs our medical assistance, low income children and women, will be forced to pay for their own medical care with dollars that they don't have.

Even in these times of national tragedy, our nation as a whole is moving to expand services to women and children. In fact, other states are taking measures to expand their CHIP coverage. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:

- In 38 states and the District of Columbia, CHIP coverage is now available for children whose family income is 200 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL) or higher.
- Before the CHIP program, only six states had Medicaid income eligibility levels at or above 200 percent of FPL and that was for infants only.
- States report that more than 75 percent of children enrolled in SCHIP in 2001 were between the ages of 6 and 18. Medicaid generally covers younger children at higher income eligibility levels. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Press Release, February 6, 2002.

Eligibility Levels of Other States include:

California

- 300% federal poverty level for ages 0 - 2
- 250% federal poverty level for ages 2 - 19

Minnesota

- 280% federal poverty level for ages 0 - 2
- 275% federal poverty level for ages 2 - 19

New York & Washington

- 250% federal poverty level

New Mexico

- 235% federal poverty level

Nevada just amended their CHIP program:

- 200% federal poverty level
- Nevada's CHIP plan expanded health coverage to an estimated 1,700 children whose parents lose their jobs.
- Parents' unemployment compensation is not considered in determining eligibility for CHIP

New Jersey:

- 200% federal poverty level
- Covers both parents of CHIP eligible children and Pregnant Women

Arizona & Michigan

- 200% federal poverty level

Studies also indicate that there are "racial and ethnic minority groups are much more likely than whites (as much as 2.5 times the rate) to be uninsured and are less likely to have job-based health insurance coverage. *Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Access to Health Insurance and Health Care*, UCLA Center for Health Policy Research and the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, 2000.

- Contrary to widespread assumptions that most American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/ANs) have access to IHS services, only one in 5 people reported having IHS coverage or access to those services. *Id.*
- Ethnic minorities are disadvantaged by low family incomes. In fact, 50% of all nonelderly AI/ANs have family incomes below 200% of the federal poverty level, twice the rate for whites (23%).
- "The same proportion of AI/ANs who report not having IHS coverage are poor or near poor (47%), a group that clearly would not have the financial resources to obtain health insurance or health care services without access to employment-based insurance (that does not require a substantial contribution), Medicaid, or other public coverage.
- The study concluded that, "available data suggest that IHS and tribal health care services are inadequate to compensate for low rates of other coverage and to provide minimally adequate access to health care." *Id.*
- Furthermore, AN/AI families are less likely to have private health insurance than other races and more likely to depend on federal health systems for health care. *Medicaid and the Uninsured: Health Insurance Coverage and Access to Care Among American Indians and Alaska Natives. The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, June 2000.*

IHS LEVEL OF NEED FUNDED

The assertion that all AI/ANs get free health care coverage from the federal government is simply not true. The federal government provides very limited health services through the IHS as a part of the United States' trust responsibility to tribes.

- The budget to provide these services is limited and provides care only to those individuals who are members or descendants of federally recognized tribes and located in areas where services are accessible.
- A recent report by the federal government indicated that the IHS appropriation provides only 59% of the funding needed to provide health care to AI/ANs.
- An additional \$1.2 billion dollars would be necessary to raise the funding level to 100% of the need.
- Furthermore, an additional \$3 billion would be required to expand coverage to 1 million Indians not now served by the Indian Health Systems. *Level of Need Funded Study, December 1999.*

In August 2001, Secretary Thompson launched an initiative to encourage states to expand access to health care coverage for low-income individuals through the Medicaid and SCHIP program, which HHS' Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) administers. The initiative gives states more flexibility to coordinate these companion programs and offers a simpler application for states that commit to reducing the number of people without health insurance. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Press Release, February 4, 2002.

Nationally, the estimated unspent FY 1998 CHIP funds was \$916 million as of June, 2000.

- To further strengthen SCHIP, President Bush's fiscal year 2003 budget would make available to states an estimated \$3.2 billion in unused SCHIP funds that otherwise would return to the federal treasury. The SCHIP law originally required that funds be taken from states that did not use their full SCHIP allotment during the previous three years. Extending the availability of expiring funds will enable all states to expand coverage to the uninsured.
- Secretary Thompson said, "This is money that went unspent by states and was due to be returned to the treasury. We've created a model waiver program for states seeking innovative ways to cover its citizens with SCHIP, and the availability of this money makes SCHIP a powerful tool for providing health care to children and their parents. In just one year, we approved waivers and state plan amendments to extend health coverage to 1.8 million people and enhance benefits for 4.5 million people. We also eliminated the waiver backlog." February 4, 2002
- Thus, Alaska stands to benefit from the underutilized CHIP funds allocated to other states from prior years.
- If Alaska underutilizes our allocation of CHIP funds by reducing our eligibility for CHIP, exactly the opposite would happen: the dollars allocated for Alaskan families would be directed to families in other states by the Dept. of Health and Human Services.

We respectfully request, on behalf of the people who need our assistance the most, to retain the 200% federal poverty level eligibility criteria for the Denali KidCare program. Thank you for the opportunity to be heard today.

2-14-02

Dear Mr Dyson

as a nurse I am strongly opposed to the Bill
to cut Denali Kid Care

Betty Sate MD

2/14/02

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Testimony re: HB 367

My name is Cynthia Ebelacker. I am here representing the AK Nurse Practitioners and the AK Nurses Association. I also own a small private clinic in Eagle River.

You have my written statements that I turned in Tuesday, and which I hope you will have time to read - they mention some of my personal experiences with Denali Kid Care in the last 3 years.

Today I would like to address some of the issues that come up during Tuesday's testimonies.

- I agree that we should be fiscally responsible but there seems to be some misconceptions about who qualifies for Denali
 - People aren't flooding in to get on Denali Care. Many who do qualify aren't even aware it exists.
 - The parents who qualify for Denali do not professional or white collar workers who usually have access to other insurance.
 - It's the blue collar workers and self-employed workers who qualify for Denali.
 - Despite opinion to the contrary, Eagle River is not predominantly an affluent society. At least 65% of my clinic population is able to see me only because they have Denali insurance. They live in the rundown apartments and trailers off the main road through Eagle River. They walk with

- their babies and toddlers to reach our clinics, even in the winter. We know our clientele and where they live and what they drive, and what jobs they have. We usually get them on Denali as soon as possible.
- These families you want to deny coverage to are the ones who work here - building and plumbing and working at the fast food stores, and Wal-Mart. They do pay taxes and many of them do vote.
 - The difference for many is that 3 years ago, their children would almost never have received any preventive care, and they would have had to go to the ER when their kids were really sick. If Denali goes away for them, they will once again be forced to utilize the ER as their local "doc" - an annual bigger financial burden to the state.
 - Our state has the dubious honor of leading the nation in the number of infant and mother deaths and yet you're thinking of cutting 722 ^{pregnant} women off from Denali and thus prenatal care. Without Denali, most of these women will not see a healthcare provider until they come in to deliver. A good number of these babies will be born prematurely.
 - If you haven't looked at the cost to the state for each baby born before 35 weeks, I have. I called the Maternal Health coordinator for Providence. Each child costs us upwards of a quarter of a million dollars ~~each~~ for their hospital stay.

I have been trying since Tuesday to get my calls returned from several different departments at First Health pertaining to the topic of how many Denali families have outside insurance as well.

Under Denali, you can have another medical insurance but you allowed ~~more~~ ^{max} income for a family of 4 drops from \$36791 monthly to a much lower amt in order for them to still be covered. The answers I did receive from the supervisors that I called, were that there wasn't some great number of abusers in the Denali system. I can supply you with these names & numbers in order to satisfy your interest in the matter.

The parents that this bill will penalize, are for the most part, workers, and trying hard to get above water and out of public assistance. Their children now get preventative healthcare and get their chronic needs met, critical surgeries and referrals get done - and believe it or not, thank their best intentions and they are no longer as big a drain on the state resources.

First, I would like to state that Denali keeps clinics like mine, as well as the other larger pediatric clinics and hospitals to survive. Any medical provider will tell you that Denali does not make anyone rich. Those reasons we all embrace Denali have more to do with the joy for many of us at seeing the amazing impact of finally receiving healthcare, that serves not only the needs of our families and children.



Alaska's Federal Poverty Level (FPL) Eligibility Guidelines

Income standards effective April 1, 2001

NOTE: An unborn child of a pregnant woman is counted in the family size for pregnant women ~~with or without health insurance~~.

Family Size	Annual Income Kids with other health insurance	Monthly Income Kids with other health insurance	Annual Income Kids with no insurance. Pregnant women with or without health insurance	Monthly Income Kids with no insurance. Pregnant women with or without health insurance
	150% FPL	150% FPL	200% FPL	200% FPL
1	\$16,095	\$1,342	\$21,460	\$1,789
2	\$21,765	\$1,814	\$29,020	\$2,419
3	\$27,435	\$2,287	\$36,580	\$3,049
4	\$33,105	\$2,759	\$44,140	\$3,679
5	\$38,775	\$3,232	\$51,700	\$4,309
6	\$44,445	\$3,704	\$59,260	\$4,939
7	\$50,115	\$4,177	\$66,820	\$5,569
8	\$55,785	\$4,649	\$74,380	\$6,199
Additional	\$ 5,670	\$ 473	\$ 7,560	\$ 630

Key Points

- ✦ Income figures above are gross income (before taxes are taken out)
- ✦ Income eligibility is generally based on income for the 30 days prior to the processing of the application
- ✦ A standard deduction per month for work expense and a standard deduction per month for dependent care expense may apply
- ✦ Permanent Fund Dividends are not counted as income
- ✦ Anyone can apply for her/himself or on behalf of a child or teen
- ✦ Income eligibility is determined based on biological or adoptive parent income
- ✦ Children with other insurance may still be eligible

February 13, 2002

Dear Rep. Coghill

I have just been informed of a proposition that is trying to be passed that would eliminate Denali Kid Care. I just want to share a little story of how beneficial Denali Kid Care to our family and why this would be a devastation if this bill passed.

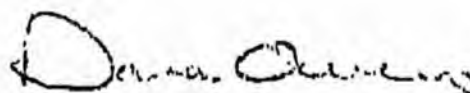
We moved to Alaska in '99, at that time we did not have health insurance. We had 4-year-old daughter and 1-½ year old twins. We could not afford the \$600+ a month for insurance we would have to pay through COBRA to continue insurance. We qualified for insurance for our children through Denali Kid Care.

Three months after we arrived in Alaska, it was discovered that our oldest daughter Darci, who has Down Syndrome, would need open-heart surgery to correct a birth defect in her heart. Since that type of surgery cannot be performed here in Alaska, we had to go to Portland for the Surgery. I cannot praise enough the quick – hassle free response that we received from Denali Kid Care. Darci had surgery, came through it just fine and is now a healthy 6 ½ year old going to 1st grade. Darci continues to have multiple health care concerns that are associated with Down Syndrome, but I feel like we are a success story.

We now have insurance with my employer and are getting back on our feet. But, you can imagine the expense we would have had to undergo for such procedures and I do not feel we would be where we are today without the assistance of Denali Kid Care.

This is just one of the stories that I have about the benefits of Denali Kid Care, with a family of 3 little girls I have many. But, please understand, that families like my own, that just need a little help to get back on their feet would probably suffer the most from this bill passing.

Sincerely, Dana Owens.



STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

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February 12, 2002

The Honorable Fred Dyson
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Dear Representative Dyson,

On behalf of the Medical Care Advisory Committee, I would like to express the committee's concern regarding House Bill 367. Required by federal law, the Alaska Medical Care Advisory Committee is responsible for advising the State's Medicaid agency on policy and program changes to the Medicaid program. The committee members include health care consumers and providers from across the state of Alaska.

The Medical Care Advisory Committee has had the opportunity to provide input to the Department of Health and Social Services on the Denali KidCare program throughout its development. We have heard from consumers and providers about their experiences with the Denali KidCare program. From our review, we learned that the program has been overwhelmingly successful in reaching needy families and has contributed immensely to the stability of these families. We also learned that parents were able to stay employed even if their children got ill because their children had health care coverage through the Denali KidCare program. These families feel empowered that they can both maintain employment and provide the right care for their children.

From the beginning, the Medical Care Advisory Committee supported the development of Denali KidCare program for a number of reasons. Numerous studies have documented that the percentage of children without health insurance has grown rapidly in recent years. Contributing significantly to the declining trend in health insurance is the decline in employer financial support for health care coverage for their employees' dependents. Families who meet the income eligibility guidelines for Denali KidCare often do not have the option of an employer financed health insurance plan for their dependents, and even if they do, they can not afford to pay their share of the health care premiums, deductibles, and copayments. The Medical Care Advisory Committee knows that children without health care coverage are six times more likely to go without needed medical care, five times more likely to use the hospital emergency room as a regular source of care, and four times more likely to have necessary care delayed. It is important to a child's

development that they receive appropriate medical care. If a child develops a chronic health problem, studies have shown that it can affect that child's health and well being for decades to come and children, especially young children, should receive annual doctor visits to monitor their growth and development. Children without health care coverage are also more likely to be missing some of their immunizations.

For these reasons, the Medical Care Advisory Committee strongly supports the Denali KidCare program and urges the Legislature to maintain the current eligibility for the program.

Sincerely,



Patti Hong, RN
Chair

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cc: House Health, Education, and Social Services Committee, Alaska State
Legislature
Governor Tony Knowles
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COVENANT HOUSE  ALASKA

Speaker: Anthony M. Lombardo
Director of Advocacy

Date: 02-14-2002

Re: Testimony on HB 367, House HES committee

Covenant House Alaska has secured information from the administrators of Denali Kidcare regarding the specific effect of a rollback of the coverage level from 200% to 150% of poverty level as proposed ON OUR SPECIFIC CLIENT POPULATION, NAMELY TEENS 13-19 YEARS OLD.

The information received indicates that 3316 teenagers statewide will lose their coverage if the rollback is introduced. Covenant House Alaska champions better health and living conditions for all teens, but especially for homeless and at risk kids. Removing health coverage availability from *uninsured, working* single parent and moderately low income families will do nothing to help our kids in Alaska and will only worsen the situation of the kids at Covenant House. For this reason alone, Covenant House Alaska opposes the rollback.

In addition, there has been a lot of discussion regarding the math of this program. I understand the state statistics to be that we pay 5 million dollars of state funds to receive 12 million dollars of federal funds.

Apparently, those funds cover 26,935 enrollees of which about (40%)10,457 are Alaska Natives. We are reimbursed for their participation 100% and the Native Health Community apparently derives other benefits by participating in the program.

I may NOT understand the math, But I think THAT MEANS APPROXIMATELY 40% OF OUR 5 MILLION DOLLARS COMES BACK TO THE STATE, DUE TO THE NUMBER OF ALASKA NATIVE PARTICIPANTS.

SO THEN, IT SEEMS WE ARE REALLY ONLY SPENDING ABOUT 3 MILLION DOLLARS TO GET 12 MILLION DOLLARS OF FEDERAL INCOME.

THAT'S A 4X RETURN ON OUR DOLLAR IN CAPITAL, available for health care in this state. THAT'S QUITE AN ASSET. I wish I could find a mutual fund that would do that. AND WE ARE INSURING 26935 ALASKANS. Not exactly your wasteful government program.

We believe dis-investing in such a successful asset is a bad idea. And personally, if you would like to dispose of such an income generating asset, I'd like to bid at the auction.

Thank you.



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The National Association of Social Workers is the world's largest organization of social workers, with 155,000 members including over 500 members in Alaska. NASW is committed to the concept of social justice and will advocate for the well being of individuals, families and communities in Alaska. NASW supports the vital role of government in providing for basic human needs and will promote policies that empower people to live more humane, productive, and independent lives. The Alaska Chapter of NASW is concerned about a range of issues that affect the quality of life for all Alaskans and the ability of social workers to provide quality services.

HB 367 "Medical Assistance Program Coverage"

Chairman Dyson, members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to address you today on HB 367. My name is Sarah Lewis and I am a member of the Social Action Committee of the National Association of Social Workers Alaska Chapter. The NASW Alaska Chapter strongly opposes HB 367 and its impact on reducing access to health care for children and pregnant women currently eligible for the Denali KidCare Program.

NASW is a membership organization representing over 500 professional social workers in Alaska. Each day our members serve children and pregnant women who directly benefit from the health care services they can access through Denali KidCare. Health care insurance is vital to the wellbeing of Alaska's children, which is why Denali KidCare has brought such a positive impact to our children since its inception in 1999.

Pregnant women enrolled in Denali KidCare are eligible to receive prenatal care and give their future children a healthy start in life. Children with Denali KidCare coverage are more likely to receive well-baby and well-child care, immunizations and will have health problems identified and treated early. These are all critical cost savings for all tax payers. At \$522 per child for the state's contribution, Alaska is able to match federal grant funds and to provide eligible children and pregnant women critical care health care services – a WIN-WIN for Alaska.

HB 367 proposes a reduction in the eligibility to 150% of the federal poverty level, directly impacting working families in Alaska who are striving to provide the best for their kids -- yet who work in jobs with no health care benefits for their families. If HB 367 passes, 3,821 children and 722 pregnant women will lose their health care coverage. When uninsured children and pregnant women's health needs are not provided, we all pay -- for more expensive care in hospital emergency rooms and clinics, for treatment of chronic illnesses, as well as the long terms costs of infants born with low birth weights, poor health outcomes and intensive care needs.

HB 367 is heralded as a cost savings to Alaskans, yet the \$5 million saved today results in giving up \$11.9 million in federal funds and compromising the health of our children. Short sighted budget cuts like this are ineffective policy, especially when we need long term fiscal planning and responsible investment in our future -- Alaska's children. On behalf of five hundred NASW Alaska Chapter members, I urge you to table HB 367.

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Testimony on HB 367

I'm a pediatrician in Anchorage and I am testifying for myself and, with their concurrence, for the Anchorage pediatric community. ~~(attached is a letter from Dr. Jeff Demain, the Chair of Pediatrics at Providence Hospital)~~ *(Has already been sent)*

I'm also testifying on behalf of the Alaska Medical Care Advisory Committee. The MCAC is your committee that meets for two days four times a year to discuss Medicaid issues. We talk with a vast panorama of providers and recipients of Medicaid services. (attached is a letter from the MCAC written by it's Chair, Patty Hong, RN)

No one in any group wants to waste money. But everyone in the provider section as well as in the recipient section feels the state is absolutely getting its monies worth

Right now the folks who are in entry level jobs, whether they are getting off welfare or coming out of school, have that health safety net for their children, both born and unborn. Most of them have places of employment that cannot afford to offer any significant family health insurance. If the eligibility threshold for Medicaid were to be cut from 200% to 150% their children would probably have to go uninsured.

The state government would have about \$5 million more in it's coffers, but the people of the state would have \$11 or \$12 million less of federal money. (Please don't hold me to the exact numbers, but the concept is right)

If there were really sick children in the family, or if the mother were to be pregnant, they would have to quit working to obtain basic Medicaid services, else the children, born and unborn, would surely suffer.

If, as would most often be the case, the children were basically healthy the parents could continue to work in the hopes of getting a job with insurance. Preventive care would be minimized and if the children became ill those parents would delay medical care, because there would be no money. If the child became more ill they would go to the emergency room where they know they can get free care. (The federal law says so!) But there is no free care, and emergency care is very expensive. The medical community will pick up the tab. And like any good business they will try their best to spread those losses amongst those whose bills will now be larger than they should have been. And there will already be that \$11 million of federal money that will be missing so there is less money to go around. Their Health insurance, if they have it, will cost more, and the coverage will be less inclusive.

Basically, the program now provides reasonable coverage to a group of people who need it. Some are the children who don't vote yet, but who will clearly be the biggest losers

because their care will now be minimized and will lose its continuity. Some are adult women trying to get their collective feet on the ground who require obstetrical care.

Cutting this safety net could drive some of them back onto welfare, or into despair, or into divorce. At the very least it will further marginalize these families and certainly decrease their access to quality medical care.

For humanitarian reasons, for financial reasons, for common sense reasons, I urge you to vote NO on HB 367.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David B. Alexander" followed by a stylized monogram or initials.

STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

MEDICAL CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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February 12, 2002

The Honorable Fred Dyson
Alaska State Legislature
Capitol Room 104
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Dyson,

On behalf of the Medical Care Advisory Committee, I would like to express the committee's concern regarding House Bill 367. Required by federal law, the Alaska Medical Care Advisory Committee is responsible for advising the State's Medicaid agency on policy and program changes to the Medicaid program. The committee members include health care consumers and providers from across the state of Alaska.

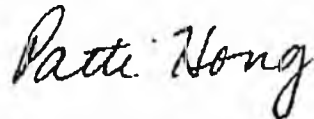
The Medical Care Advisory Committee has had the opportunity to provide input to the Department of Health and Social Services on the Denali KidCare program throughout its development. We have heard from consumers and providers about their experiences with the Denali KidCare program. From our review, we learned that the program has been overwhelming successful in reaching needy families and has contributed immensely to the stability of these families. We also learned that parents were able to stay employed even if their children got ill because their children had health care coverage through the Denali KidCare program. These families feel empowered that they can both maintain employment and provide the right care for their children.

From the beginning, the Medical Care Advisory Committee supported the development of Denali KidCare program for a number of reasons. Numerous studies have documented that the percentage of children without health insurance has grown rapidly in recent years. Contributing significantly to the declining trend in health insurance is the decline in employer financial support for health care coverage for their employee's dependents. Families who meet the income eligibility guidelines for Denali KidCare often do not have the option of an employer financed health insurance plan for their dependents, and even if they do, they can not afford to pay their share of the health care premiums, deductibles, and copayments. The Medical Care Advisory Committee knows that children without health care coverage are six times more likely to go without needed medical care, five times more likely to use the hospital emergency room as a regular source of care, and four times more likely to have necessary care delayed. It is important to a child's

development that they receive appropriate medical care. If a child develops a chronic health problem, studies have shown that it can affect that child's health and well being for decades to come and children, especially young children, should receive annual doctor visits to monitor their growth and development. Children without health care coverage are also more likely to be missing some of their immunizations.

For these reasons, the Medical Care Advisory Committee strongly supports the Denali KidCare program and urges the Legislature to maintain the current eligibility for the program.

Sincerely,



Patti Hong, RN
Chair

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February 12, 2002

Fred Dyson
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RE: HB 367 Hearing

I am a single parent with four children (three at home), work full time and attend the University of Alaska half time in order to secure a future for my children and myself. Even with full time employment, I still struggle financially and need some temporary support until I have completed my education.

Denali KidCare has been a wonderful benefit for our family. I no longer have to decide if they can make it until Monday because I cannot afford to take them to a doctor gambling their health over money. It has made access to medical treatment more available by reducing the financial burden that is often expected at time of treatment. My children no longer have to ask, "Can we afford glasses or medicine."

Denali KidCare has decreased the stress level in our home by affording access to needed medial care for my children.

Sincerely,

Geri Heiner

Geri Heiner
UAA Student/Mother



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Hess
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I am opposed to HB 367 because pregnant women need help. As a PTA member of Fairview Christiany School. I can tell who has and who has not had proper prenatal care. Fetuses need proper nutrition and regular prenatal doctors inspections. If we help young mothers, children and babies in the womb we will save money in the long run. We need to prevent fetal alcohol syndrome and make nutrition. Mothers and children need to eat right to prevent spine, intestinal and nerve disorders. Medical coverage early to prevent problems for 122 pregnant or more women. Please we we have a federal match. I do not want to have hospital rates raised due to unpaid emergency visits due to budget cuts.

Signed: Regina Mantufel
 Testifier

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Please enter into the record my testimony to the House HESS
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I am very concerned about the passage of this bill as my family falls between the 150% - 200% poverty. Without this coverage for my daughters, we would be literally homeless. I think it is important I do my best to provide for my girls but without insurance it would not be possible. Taking care of a small medical problem before it escalated into an emergency room visit has been very helpful. I am unable to work more hours at this time and could not pay for independent insurance as my employer does not offer it. Working as an advocate for families that have an individual with a disability, has also opened my eyes. Many families would be more likely to go back to A/TAP and other state assisted programs. This would ultimately cost the state more money and make families more dependent on the state.

Signed: Debra A. Huswick

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February 12, 2002

Representative Dyson and HESS Committee:

I am here today to speak both in a professional and a personal capacity. I am the manager of St. Francis House, a program of Catholic Social Services, that delivers emergency services to economically struggling families; and, I am also the grandmother of a bubbly, generous 13 year old girl, who will no longer have health insurance if this bill passes into law. I have worked in this community for over 30 years, most of that time for non-profit, human service oriented programs. I am guilty of choosing mission over financial reward. For better or for worse my daughter has chosen the same path and holds a key position in a well known non-profit agency that provides a vital public service in Anchorage. She is a single mother, who works very hard and brings home \$1,944 each month. Out of that she must pay an \$800 mortgage, \$200 in utility payments, \$200 car payment, \$80 car insurance, vehicle gas and maintenance, food, clothing, school supplies, and personal items, for herself and her daughter, and medical and prescription co-payments. There is no conceivable way that she can afford the \$450 dependent premium to cover her child on her agency's insurance plan. So, if HB 367 should pass, my granddaughter will once again be in the position that she has been in most of her life: balanced precariously on the tightrope of existence with no safety net beneath her and with little or no preventative health care.

I appeal to you on behalf of my own family and the families of many of my colleagues, as well as many of those families that we serve in our programs. Please do not try to bolster the state budget by putting our children, our most precious resource, at risk.



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In addition to medical costs, families of individuals with disabilities often face higher than normal costs which should be taken into consideration when establishing their eligibility for programs such as Denali Kid Care.

- ◆ Many individuals have special dietary requirements that result in increased food costs. Some disabilities limit the body's ability to absorb certain vitamins and minerals, requiring individual with these disabilities to have a diet rich in these nutrients. Some people have adverse reactions to the more inexpensive sources of important nutrients. In extreme cases, gastrointestinal conditions and the side effects of medications may require individuals to limit their food intake to expensive liquid diets.
- ◆ Individuals with disabilities may require special clothing if their bodies do not fit into standard clothing; this clothing may only be available through specialized firms or might have to be custom made. In either case such clothing costs more than clothing available "off the rack."
- ◆ Families may incur higher than average utility expenses if a family member relies on electric powered devices such as a respirator. Individual who are sensitive to small temperature fluctuations may incur higher than normal costs for heating and cooling their homes.
- ◆ Child care for a child with a disability may be very expensive for the family. Child care providers may charge higher rates to care for a child with a disability.

All of these items can add up to increased costs to the family of a child with a disability. Such costs need to be taken into consideration when establishing the income threshold for a program such as Denali Kid Care. While 200 percent of the federal poverty level may seem like sufficient income on paper, in reality the additional costs which the family must pay may be placing families well under the poverty level.

According to a State Health Care Briefing Book developed by the National Center For Policy Analysis, the cost for prenatal care can be as low as a couple of hundred dollars while the average cost of providing medical care to a premature baby is almost \$20,000 more than the cost of a normal birth. This same briefing points out that preventive care is not cost effective if provided to the *entire population* but is cost effective if targeted to those who cannot access such services without a program such as Denali Kid Care.

The 1997 Annual Report of the North Coast Health Ministry based in Lakewood Ohio states that even when families making 200 percent of the federal poverty level have insurance their coverage is for catastrophic events only. The report further states that it is the experience of the North Coast Health Ministry that many patients do not seek out preventive care as the cost is too prohibitive, and when people don't have coverage (either private insurance or Medicaid) they are forced to utilize emergency room services which are the most expensive form of health care.

We must all work together to find reasonable and effective ways to manage Medicaid costs, but not by cutting programs when such cuts will force children and families into high cost emergency services. Preventive and ongoing services such as Denali Kid Care must be provided for those families with the greatest need and least access to private insurance.

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My name is Cynthia Ebelacker. I am past president and current board member of the Alaska Nurse Practitioner Association. There are over 425 nurse practitioners in Alaska. Altogether we care for thousands of Denali Kid Care patients. *I am also here representing the Alaska nurses' Association*

I also own a small private clinic in Eagle River. Sixty five percent of my pediatric patients and pregnant women are able to see me because they have Denali Kid Care. Since the Kid Care insurance came on board in March of 1999, I have seen small miracles happen every day.

We could just look at the practical side of this extremely affordable health insurance for children.

- It doesn't seem logical to lose \$11.9 million federal aid dollars to save a mere \$5 million dollars of state dollars while denying badly needed healthcare to our children.
- In a state with the dubious honor of leading the nation with its infant and maternal mortality rates, do we really want to deny prenatal care to over 700 women? The cost of healthcare for very small premature infants is hundreds of thousands of dollars for each baby. You would do well to look at the rate of premature births among lower income women who qualified for Denali Kid Care over the last 3 years. I think you will find a big decrease in numbers of preemie births from the rate prior to DKC making prenatal care available to hundreds of women.
- Nearly a third of the Denali dollars have been spent on mental health care for children. It makes sense if you consider that children whose health and development are often neglected at a critical early stage, will eventually require more of our health care dollars to fix problems that could have been prevented with early detection and treatment.

But enough of strictly pragmatic evidence that Denali has and will continue to be cost effective healthcare due to its extremely preventative nature. You have those figures in front of you.

We should put some faces on the small miracles that Denali has brought us. During the special well-baby & well-child exams called Early Periodic Screening & Developmental Testing DKC children get very comprehensive visits with a medical provider. Often it's the first preventative care visit they've ever had. As a result, many serious health care problems have been discovered.

In my own practice the results have been amazing and when you multiply the similar experiences by the number of medical practitioners seeing Denali patients – we have had a great impact on health care by Denali Kid Care.

Take 7yr old Darci, a very advanced Down's Syndrome child – she is one of the highest functioning Down's kids that I've ever seen. Her language and cognitive and social skills are almost normal for her age level. But 3 years ago this wasn't the case. When she saw me for a

well-child check-up at the age of 4, she wasn't talking, she had no energy and seemed very slow and severely retarded. At this visit I noticed an unusual heart murmur and I sent her to a cardiologist right away. Mom could afford to see him because the child had Denali Kid Care. Within a week she had life changing cardiac surgery to repair a serious narrowing in her heart vessels and within a few months she also got the ear tube surgery she needed to stop her chronic ear infections – and today she is a productive young member of society instead of a drain on our state's resources.

Then there's 9 year old William, who was sent to me for a physical from school because he was doing so badly – not focusing, exhibiting acting out behaviors, looking neglected and seeming terribly small for his age. I performed an in-depth exam that included hearing testing, blood testing for anemia and urine testing. I discovered that he had no ear drums; they had ruptured repeatedly as a small child when dad couldn't afford to bring him for medical care. He was also suffering from signs of malnutrition. His single parent dad was almost deaf himself because of the lack of healthcare he received for his bad ears as a child. Denali Kid Care helped William get his eardrums repaired and he got medicine to treat his anemia. Our clinic rather adopted his family and this year we helped the family get food and toys and household items that were donated from around town. His teachers have called me to praise his improvements in language and demeanor. He will be a much better adjusted member of our future society and he has Denali Kid Care to thank for that.

These are just two of the hundreds of stories I could tell. I have sent dozens of children on consults for ear surgery, tonsillectomies, hernia repairs, serious developmental delays in speech and motor skills, orthopedic surgeries, overwhelming tooth decay and abscesses and severe mental health disturbances.

I could provide you with evidence of the positive outcomes this care has made possible. I keep very detailed records. The bottom line is that rather than becoming a continual drain on our resources these children actually get better and they require less care down the way.

The small investment the state of Alaska makes to provide health care access has had unseen benefits and has improved the lives of whole families because their children's many needs are identified and met.

Young pregnant women who previously received little preventative care during the critical early prenatal stages, now are identified with their first positive pregnancy test, we get them right on the program and closely follow them to a safe delivery of a healthy infant-then we closely monitor that infant with well child exams. We need to look at the mortality rates for mothers and infants in Anchorage and local communities since Denali Kid Care started.

Before you decide to save a few dollars in the big scheme of things, have you done your homework to see what a difference Denali insurance has made in the lives of thousands of Alaskans? We can take pride in the program Alaska has developed-it's far superior to those in many other states.

Denali Kid Care is an investment in our future by assuring that today's children become tomorrow's healthy, productive citizens. It equalizes the healthcare field so that all of Alaska's children may lead healthier lives-not just the children of the privileged few. Raising children today without adequate health care insurance should not be a source of pride-nor should it be the standard that Alaskan children are held to. None of our children should have to suffer physical or emotional pain due to a lack of affordable health care insurance.



To: Health Education & Social Services Committee
From: ~~Karen Fredrickson~~ Karen Fredrickson - Contract Health/Patient Access Manager - SEARHC
Fax: 907-465-4587

Good afternoon, Chairman Dyson and members of the Health Education & Social Services Committee.

My name is Karen Fredrickson, and I am a representative from the SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium. My organization is a consortium of 18 tribes throughout Southeast Alaska. We compact with the federal government to provide Indian Health Services to the Native beneficiaries in Southeast Alaska. I am here to testify against making any changes to HB367.

We are all aware of the many benefits that Denali KidCare offers to our children and pregnant mothers in Alaska. The birth rate of American Indians and Alaska Natives is 63 percent greater, with infant mortality 22 percent higher than the overall U.S. rate. (Source: Indian Health "Trends in Indian Health" 1999-2000) Yet, despite these serious health care needs the percentage of uninsured Natives continues to remain much higher at 27.1 percent than that of most populations in the U.S. (Source: 1999 U.S. Census).

When Denali KidCare/S-CHIP first came on board we had 393 visits the first year which increased to 9,706 by the end of 2001.

The impact has been tremendous. DKC offers services that SEARHC does not provide. The main one being able to have pediatric dentists coming into our villages and provide quality dental care to our Alaskan children.

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SEARHC beneficiaries enrolled under this program costs the State of Alaska NOTHING! The federal government matches this funding at the 100% rate for Native people covered by Denali KidCare and served at tribal facilities. As you are aware, one of the benefits for the State to develop its S-CHIP program was the federal match money.

It is a mistake to assume that Native people have all of their health needs covered as we are not fully funded by the Indian Health Service for our health care delivery system. SEARHC uses these Medicaid reimbursement funds to help supplement our Indian Health Service compact funds to expand and improve our current health care services.

SEARHC is shocked and surprised by our legislators for recommending any changes to such a vital program for our Alaska children as they are our future! It is important that we continue to provide a healthy future for them. It makes good fiscal sense to continue Denali KidCare and to ensure healthy Alaskan children and pregnant women.

Through Denali KidCare and its service to our Alaskan children, you get a "BIG BANG" for your buck. We are asking that you maintain Denali KidCare eligibility at its current level.

Thank you for your time to allow me to express our concerns.

cc: Frank Sutton, Vice President, Hospital Services

Subject: Opposition of HB 367

Date: Wed, 13 Feb 2002 17:48:55 -0800

From: "Karen Dieringer" <kdieringer@fairbanksnative.org>

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I object to House Bill 367. I feel the SOA program should continue providing health insurance coverage for those children and pregnant mothers in need.

Karen Dieringer

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Subject: HB 367

Date: Thu, 14 Feb 2002 10:29:45 -0900

From: Kathie Elmore <kelmore@gci.net>

Organization: The Elmore Clan

To: Representative_Fred_Dyson@legis.state.ak.us

Representative Fred Dyson

Dear Rep. Dyson

I am writing you to encourage you NOT to vote for HB367

I am an Employee of Parents Inc, and I also do surrogate work for our Northstar School District, here in Fairbanks. I work with many families who just make the cut off now and struggle to get the Medical care that they need for their children a lot of them have children with Disabilities. How can we think about raising the proverty level when the children are not getting the Medical care needs met now? Please, I beg of you not to vote for this bill

Thank you for taking the time to consider not voting for HB367

Kathie Elmore

Regional Coordinator for the Northern Region

Kathie C. Elmore <kelmore@gci.net>

Subject: HB 367**Date:** Thu, 14 Feb 2002 10:16:53 -0900**From:** "Nancy Bale" <nancybale@gci.net>**To:** <Representative_Fred_Dyson@legis.state.ak.us>**CC:** <Representative_Peggy_Wilson@legis.state.ak.us>, <Representative_John_Coghill@legis.state.ak.us>, <Representative_Gary_Stevens@legis.state.ak.us>, <Representative_Vic_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us>, <Representative_Sharon_Cissna@legis.state.ak.us>, <Representative_Reggie_Joule@legis.state.ak.us>

Dear Representative Dyson,

As a nurse and employee in a program that serves at-risk youth, I would like to take this opportunity to comment on HB 367, a bill currently under consideration in your committee. This bill would lower income eligibility for families to participate in the Denali Kidcare Program. I have worked with teenagers since 1996, before the days of Denali Kidcare. At that time, we had only Medicaid for insuring our adolescents. When Denali Kidcare arrived on the scene, the clerical difficulties associated with Medicaid disappeared, and the adolescents covered under DKC were able to receive needed care.

While it is always possible to point to inequities in any program, my experience with Denali Kidcare has been that it is a positive, cost effective, and proactive way to ensure health care for vulnerable child populations.

Keep in mind that Denali Kidcare is NOT welfare, it is health insurance. No one is getting free monthly income from this program. It is, instead, a program that provides OPPORTUNITY to young people. Many of the teenagers whom I have cared for had received little or no access to dentistry before Kidcare, for example.

When Alaskan kids are 19, they must enter the Medicaid system in order to continue their health benefits. In that system, income guidelines are very restrictive. I think that the Denali Kidcare Program as it is, time-limited to serve youth, proactive in its attitude, and really very simple and cost effective, is a jewel in the State of Alaska's budget.

Please cut costs elsewhere. The benefits of Denali Kidcare are too numerous to ignore. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (907) 277-3825

Nancy Bale, RN

Subject: HB 367

Date: Wed, 13 Feb 2002 14:24:18 -0800 (PST)

From: Ruth Lister <ruth_lister@yahoo.com>

To: Representative_Fred_Dyson@legis.state.ak.us

Representative Dyson,

I strongly appeal to you to stop HB 367. I knew it is not a bill that you would support, given your dedication to children in Alaska. For working families on low incomes, Denali kidcare is a lifesaver. The small saving to the state made by reducing the eligibility from 200 to 150% of poverty is far outweighed by the cost of families going on TANF and other state funded programs due to their inability to pay medical costs. Most families in this category are single parents in jobs that do not provide health insurance, and they will in time earn more and get out of the program. Healthy children do well in school and in life.

thank you, Ruth Lister

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Subject: HB 367

Date: Wed, 13 Feb 2002 10:57:23 -0900

From: Janice Tower <jtower@alaska.com>

To: Representative_Fred_Dyson@legis.state.ak.us

Dear Representative Dyson,

I listened to yesterday's testimony on HB 367 and was quite amazed by the level of misunderstanding that certain Committee members have about the Denali KidCare program and other health programs that are available to children.

Considering that the program is funded by a lion's share of federal dollars, the benefits of the small amount of State funds that leverage this extremely worthwhile program are self-evident. Why certain Committee members cannot see this is a mystery to me. Reducing the eligibility level from 200% to 150% FPL would be analogous to telling DOT that we're going to trim back highway projects and send back all that federal transportation money because we have a billion dollar budget shortfall.

With Denali KidCare, hundreds of fishermen's children can now have access to a most basic level of health care that will keep their kids healthy and avoid costly medical bills that result from poor access to primary care. Small business owners and their employees can sleep at night knowing that when their kids become ill, they can afford to go to the doctor. These people are not slackers living off the public dole. One comment was made that people were leaving their current health plans in droves simply to get "free health care" for their kids and save a buck for themselves. Reasonable parents would not expose their children to a 12-month interim period in which their children would go uncovered while waiting to qualify for the Denali KidCare program.

Lastly, I don't know who made the comment about there always being the WIC program! WIC feeds children. The program puts food in their stomachs so that they can grow healthy and their brains can fully develop. WIC is not a health care service.

I urge you to support Denali KidCare at its present 200% level. It's a program that makes intuitive sense, doesn't cost the state much, leverages a lot of federal money which our senators in Washington have lobbied hard for, and will not make one micron of a difference in balancing our state budget shortfall.

Thank you,

Janice Tower
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Subject: HB367

Date: Wed, 13 Feb 2002 10:52:27 -0900

From: "Dan Ressler" <dressler@arc-anchorage.org>

To: <Representative_Fred_Dyson@legis.state.ak.us>

I have heard the your committee has HB367. I think in our tight economic times that asking the Federal Government to keep \$11 Million doesn't seem prudent. Granted the \$5 Million portion is Chunk of Change, but to prevent \$17 Million of insurance to Children and Expectant Mothers for a savings of \$5 Million doesn't make fiscal sense.

Dan Ressler
Business Office



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Date: 2-13-02

Please accept the enclosed original(s) of written testimony for
the HHS teleconference hearing that was
scheduled on 2-12-02.

A copy of this testimony was transmitted to your committee via
fax on 2-13-02 10:00am.

Thank You,

Mr. Byrne

"Healthy Communities - Healthy People"

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TESTIMONY – HB 367

TO: House HESS *AS*
 FROM: Stan Steadman, Coordinator, Healthy Communities/
 Healthy People- Soldotna; and Interim Executive Director,
 Central Peninsula Health Centers, Inc.- Soldotna
 RE: HB 367 – Urging Defeat
 DATE: February 12, 2002

Healthy Communities/Healthy People (HC/HP), a network organized to improve the health of Central Kenai Peninsula citizens, has worked over the past several years to develop programs to offer youth opportunities for medical and dental health care. Central Peninsula Health Centers, Inc. (CPHC) is such a program, recently established through the efforts of HC/HP and in partnership with the U.S. Bureau of Primary Health Care to provide direct medical and dental services to under- and uninsured youth.

Children who do not received regular and adequate medical and dental services will undoubtedly cost society more in the long run than those who receive care. Although HB 367 appears to save money, it comes with a high longer-term price.

Of critical concern to HC/HP and CPHC is oral health. Dental decay is the most common childhood disease. This is a disease that is both preventable and treatable. Low income individuals suffer the worst oral health. According to the National Institute of Dental Craniofacial Research, "Uninsured children are 2.5 times less likely to receive dental care than insured children and are 3 times as likely to have dental needs."

Even with Denali Kid Care coverage, families face many barriers to accessing health care. By taking this needed funding away from our children we are placing them at an even higher risk of slipping through the cracks.

We should be focusing our efforts on how to have healthier children in our State not taking away basic care from those who need it most. I urge you to vote against HB 367.

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February 12, 2002

TO: Legislative Information Office
RE: House Bill No. 367

Fax # 376-6180

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this in opposition of HB 367 which would decrease the number of children and pregnant women from "working poor" families in receiving health benefits under the current Denali Kid Care. Although you may be temporarily saving money for the State at one level, the immediate losses will be in Federal funding and the long term effects will be much costlier throughout the health and educational fields in our state.

Working in the field of child abuse and neglect, the ramifications will also have deleterious effects. Child maltreatment is a significant risk factor for a whole host of medical and mental health ills, as well as social problems such as teen pregnancy, school failure, substance abuse, juvenile crime, and becoming a future abuser. One of the most frightening pieces of data we have collected at The Children's Place in Wasilla is that about 1/3 of the reported perpetrators are children themselves, under the age of 17. Early mental health intervention offers the only hope to halt the vicious cycle of abuse. One of the major barriers to mental health treatment both for the children who themselves who have been victims of physical and sexual abuse and young perpetrators is the cost. Nearly 60% of the families we deal with are covered under Medicaid or Denali KidCare.

As you look at the over 80% of men and women incarcerated in Alaska who were identified in a study a few years ago as victims of physical and sexual abuse, the question remains how will we, as residents of Alaska, be paying for reducing payments to women and children in poverty? Denali Kid Care is one of the brightest hopes we have had in improving the health outcomes for our children and we should not jeopardize federal dollars and more importantly their future by saving money in the short term.

Evelyn E. Conley
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due	to	represent the	people fact	10
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<i>to</i>	<i>the</i>	<i>fact</i>	<i>that</i>	<i>medical</i>	10
<i>bills</i>	<i>for</i>	<i>young</i>	<i>people</i>	<i>is</i>	15
<i>to</i>	<i>much</i>	<i>when</i>	<i>most</i>	<i>lack</i>	20
<i>financial</i>	<i>stability</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>live</i>	<i>on</i>	25
<i>there</i>	<i>own.</i>				30
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Residence (street address if different from mailing address) <u>609 1st Anchorage, Alaska</u>				Zip code <u>99501</u>
Email address			Signature <i>Heinrich Roide</i>	Date <u>2/17/02</u>

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<u>or</u>	<u>make</u>	<u>it</u>	<u>hard for anyone</u>		20
<u>to</u>	<u>Sustain</u>	<u>because</u>	<u>Not</u>	<u>everyone</u>	25
<u>is</u>	<u>financially</u>	<u>stable.</u>			30
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Mailing address 6009 F. ST. ANCHORAGE AK,			Zip code 99501	
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Email address		Signature <i>Kenneth E Rolfe</i>		Date 2.17.02

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From Sue Brogan <sbrogan@ak.org>

Date Friday, February 15, 2002 2:46 pm

To kelsha@covhouse.alaska.com

Subject Glenda's email address

Here you go - good luck and let me know if there's anything else I can help you with. I enjoyed meeting you - have a great weekend. Sue B.

Glenda M Carino <~~glenda_carino@gov.state.ak.us~~>

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON HB367 FOR FORM TO BE FAXED TO THE MEMBERS OF
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This Bill's efforts to reduce State expenditures are to be commended but why is it that the lowest on the totem pole are always the first to be the targets of reduction in services? The statistics developed by the Dept. of Health and Social Services and Representative Coghill's office are impressive but they do not bring to light the human suffering of those on the low end of the financial chain. This was brought out in the many personal accounts of the need for Denali Kid-Care benefits that were presented to the Committee on the teleconference of February 14, 2002. It is possible that there is some abuse of the program by individuals. By proper administration and supervision these can be reduce or eliminated.

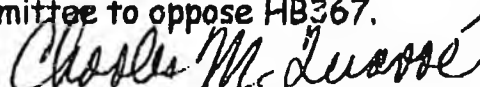
What is to happen to the number of children (3821) and pregnant women, carrying a living child, (722) who will lose coverage by enactment of HB367? Past experience has shown that they will wait until the last moment when their ailments are most serious to report to emergency services for treatment that will cost infinitely more that if taken care of in a timely fashion.

It is estimated that the State will save \$5 million by implementation of this bill but will lose \$11.9 million in federal aid. This does not seem to be a very advantageous arrangement.

Our youth are our treasure, and the future leaders of our State and Country. We are going at great lengths to insure they receive an adequate education. Insuring their health will make the education expenditures even more valuable.

It has been said that the measure of a civilized society and culture is the way in which they treat their most vulnerable members, certainly these children are vulnerable and in need of our compassion and aid.

I respectfully request the Committee to oppose HB367.


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cannot	touch	any	part	of	20
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Residence (street) address if different from mailing address <i>Anchorage, AK</i>				Zip code
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Mailing address <i>609 FST ANCHORAGE A.K. 99508</i>				Zip code
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Email address			Signature <i>Justin Magner</i>	Date <i>2/19/02</i>

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