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1 services that allows the health care insurer to review a treatment plan or conduct a  
2 utilization review must contain a provision that a treatment plan review or utilization  
3 review relating to dental care for a covered person receiving treatment in this state  
4 must be conducted by a dentist if the claim for reimbursement or payment is denied.

5 (c) A health care insurer may reimburse a covered person at a different rate  
6 because of the person's choice of a dentist if the dentist is not a part of the covered  
7 person's dental network or preferred provider organization agreement. The covered  
8 expense for non-network providers may not be less than that allowed to a network  
9 provider, although the covered expense may be reimbursed at a lower percentage or  
10 with higher deductibles than if the service had been provided within the network.

11 (d) A health care insurer may not deny

12 (1) dental coverage, cancel a health care insurance plan or contract, or  
13 otherwise take action against a covered person or a dentist because the person has  
14 asserted a right described in this section;

15 (2) dental coverage or eligibility for dental coverage because the  
16 covered person chooses a dentist outside of a preferred provider organization  
17 agreement.

18 (e) A covered person may bring a civil action against a health care insurer to  
19 enforce the person's rights under this section if the covered person has exhausted the  
20 administrative appeal process.

21 (f) A dentist who treats a covered person may not waive uncovered dental  
22 expenses for which the covered person has liability because a covered person chose  
23 the dentist outside of a dental network or a preferred provider organization agreement.

24 (g) In this section,

25 (1) "covered expense" means charges that are payable under plan  
26 provisions;

27 (2) "dentist" means a person licensed in this state to practice dentistry;

28 (3) "preferred provider" means a dental provider who has signed an  
29 agreement with a dental care plan to provide services to plan participants at a specific  
30 rate.



# LAWS OF ALASKA

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### AN ACT

Relating to compensation of members of the Alaska National Guard and Alaska Naval Militia in active service; changing the name of the Alaska State Militia to the Alaska State Defense Force; relating to compensation and work status for members of the Alaska State Defense Force; and providing for an effective date.

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

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AN ACT

1 Relating to compensation of members of the Alaska National Guard and Alaska Naval Militia  
2 in active service; changing the name of the Alaska State Militia to the Alaska State Defense  
3 Force; relating to compensation and work status for members of the Alaska State Defense Force;  
4 and providing for an effective date.

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6 \* Section 1. AS 02.15.090(a) is amended to read:

7 (a) In operating an airport or air navigation facility owned or controlled by the  
8 state, the department may enter into contracts, leases, and other arrangements covering  
9 periods not exceeding 55 years with a person, municipality, or the United States,  
10 granting the privilege of using or improving an airport or air navigation facility or a  
11 portion of it or space in it for commercial, governmental, or other public purposes,  
12 including private plane tie down; or conferring the privilege of supplying goods,

1 commodities, services, or facilities at an airport or air navigation facility. The  
 2 department may establish the terms and conditions and fix the charges, rentals, and  
 3 fees for the privileges or services that are reasonable and uniform for the same class  
 4 of privilege or service. Charges, rentals, or fees authorized by this subsection may be  
 5 fixed for the international airports by order of the commissioner or by negotiated or  
 6 competitively offered contract. Notwithstanding AS 37.10.050(a), the fixing of  
 7 charges, rentals, or fees as permitted under this subsection is not subject to the  
 8 adoption of regulation provisions of AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act). The  
 9 terms, conditions, charges, rentals, and fees shall be established with due regard to the  
 10 property and improvements used and the expense of operation to the state. However,  
 11 use of state land and buildings by the Alaska Wing, Civil Air Patrol and its squadrons  
 12 shall be permitted without rental charges. If the department permits space in state-  
 13 owned or state-controlled airports to be used as lounges for members of the United  
 14 States armed forces, the Alaska National Guard, the Alaska Naval Militia, or the  
 15 Alaska State **Defense Force** [MILITIA] and if the lounges are operated by persons  
 16 exempt from taxation under 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3) (Internal Revenue Code), rent may  
 17 not be charged for the use of the space. The department shall provide for public  
 18 notice and an opportunity to comment before a charge, rental, or fee is fixed by order  
 19 of the commissioner as permitted under this subsection. The public may not be  
 20 deprived of its rightful, equal, and uniform use of the airport, air navigation facility,  
 21 or a portion of them.

22 \* Sec. 2. AS 26.05.010(b) is amended to read:

23 (b) The militia is divided into two classes:

24 (1) the organized militia, consisting of the Alaska National Guard, the  
 25 Alaska Naval Militia, and the Alaska State **Defense Force**; [MILITIA,] and

26 (2) the unorganized militia, consisting of all qualified persons available  
 27 for service but not serving in the organized militia.

28 \* Sec. 3. AS 26.05.030(d) is amended to read:

29 (d) The Alaska State **Defense Force** [MILITIA] consists of units authorized  
 30 by the governor, and manned by volunteer personnel qualifying under state law and  
 31 regulation. All **defense force** [STATE MILITIA] personnel shall be

1 (1) appointed, commissioned, or warranted, and assigned by the  
 2 governor or the adjutant general as the governor's designee;

3 (2) subject to serve on state active duty at the call and by order of the  
 4 governor.

5 \* Sec. 4. AS 26.05.100 is amended to read:

6 **Sec. 26.05.100. Alaska State Defense Force** [MILITIA]. A state militia,  
 7 **known as the Alaska State Defense Force**, may be organized through voluntary  
 8 enlistments under regulations as to discipline and training **that** [WHICH] may be  
 9 prescribed by the governor. During the time that the Alaska National Guard or the  
 10 Alaska Naval Militia, or any part of either of them, is not available to the state by  
 11 reason of active federal service, or the National Guard or Naval Militia requires  
 12 augmentation to perform its state mission, the governor may activate the **Alaska State**  
 13 **Defense Force** [STATE MILITIA].

14 \* Sec. 5. AS 26.05.260(b) is amended to read:

15 (b) Members of the Alaska National Guard and Alaska Naval Militia are  
 16 entitled to receive, for each day of active service under AS 26.05.070, pay [AND  
 17 ALLOWANCES] equal to **200 percent of the minimum daily basic pay** [THOSE]  
 18 provided by federal laws and regulations for members of equivalent grades of the  
 19 United States armed forces. However, a member may not receive less than **\$105** [\$65]  
 20 per day for active service performed during the fiscal year ending June 30, **2000**  
 21 [1982]. For fiscal years beginning after June 30, **2000** [1982], the minimum payment  
 22 of **\$105** [\$65] shall be increased one percent for each percent increase in the consumer  
 23 price index **for** [OF] Anchorage, Alaska, as determined by the United States  
 24 Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, not to exceed an annual increase of  
 25 **four** [10] percent. The increase, if any, takes effect not more than 30 days after the  
 26 release of the consumer price index. The consumer price index that is published  
 27 immediately after July 1, **1999** [1981], is the reference base index.

28 \* Sec. 6. AS 26.05.260(d) is amended to read:

29 (d) A member of the organized militia who, while performing duties under  
 30 AS 26.05.070, including transit to and from the member's home of record, suffers an  
 31 injury or disability in the line of duty is entitled to all compensation and benefits

1 available under AS 23.30 (Alaska Workers' Compensation Act). **For a member of the**  
 2 **Alaska State Defense Force, compensation and benefits under this subsection are**  
 3 **provided as though the member were a state employee.**

4 \* Sec. 7. AS 26.05.260(e) is amended to read:

5 (e) If a member of the organized militia dies as a result of an injury or  
 6 disability suffered in the line of duty while performing duties under AS 26.05.070,  
 7 including transit to and from the member's home of record, death benefits shall be paid  
 8 to the persons in the amounts specified in AS 23.30.215. **For a member of the**  
 9 **Alaska State Defense Force, the death benefits under this subsection are provided**  
 10 **as though the member were a state employee.**

11 \* Sec. 8. AS 26.05.260(h) is repealed and reenacted to read:

12 (h) For purposes of computation of benefits under AS 23.30, the earnings of  
 13 a member of the

14 (1) Alaska National Guard or Alaska Naval Militia are presumed to be  
 15 no less than 200 percent of the minimum daily basic pay authorized for a member of  
 16 the regular armed forces of the United States in the same grade or rank as the Alaska  
 17 National Guard or Alaska Naval Militia member at the time of the injury or death;

18 (2) Alaska State Defense Force are presumed to be equal to the pay and  
 19 allowances authorized by (j) of this section for the duties being performed by the  
 20 member while on active state service at the time of the injury or death; if the member  
 21 of the Alaska State Defense Force did not receive pay or allowances authorized under  
 22 (j) of this section, the earnings of the member are presumed to be no less than 200  
 23 percent of the minimum daily basic pay authorized for a member of the regular armed  
 24 forces of the United States in the same grade or rank as the Alaska State Defense  
 25 Force member at the time of the injury or death.

26 \* Sec. 9. AS 26.05.260(i) is amended to read:

27 (i) In this section, "member" means an active commissioned or warrant officer  
 28 or enlisted man or woman in the **Alaska National Guard or Alaska Naval Militia,**  
 29 **or a volunteer serving in the active service of the Alaska State Defense Force**  
 30 **[ORGANIZED MILITIA].**

31 \* Sec. 10. AS 26.05.260 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

1 (j) When active state service is authorized by the governor or by the adjutant  
 2 general as the governor's designee, members of the Alaska State Defense Force are  
 3 entitled to receive, for each day of active service under AS 26.05.070, pay and  
 4 allowances as provided in this subsection. Pay is equal to that provided under  
 5 AS 39.27.011 - 39.27.020 for equivalent assignments of state officials or employees,  
 6 including adjustments under AS 39.27.025, if applicable. Allowances shall be paid to  
 7 the same extent, in the same manner, and under the same conditions as provided for  
 8 state officials and employees under AS 39.20.110 - 39.20.170. However, pay or  
 9 allowances are not authorized for training or community service activities of members  
 10 of the Alaska State Defense Force.

11 (k) Members of the Alaska State Defense Force are entitled to pay and other  
 12 benefits only as provided in this section. Members of the Alaska State Defense Force  
 13 are not state employees. However, compensation and benefits under AS 23.30  
 14 provided for in (d), (e), and (h) of this section for members of the Alaska State  
 15 Defense Force are provided as though the member were a state employee. Nothing  
 16 in this section entitles a member of the Alaska State Defense Force to retirement  
 17 benefits.

18 \* Sec. 11. AS 26.05.340(a) is amended to read:

19 (a) In no case may any part of the Alaska National Guard, Alaska Naval  
 20 Militia, or the **Alaska State Defense Force** [STATE MILITIA] be used against any  
 21 labor organization or for the purpose of strike breaking within the state.

22 \* Sec. 12. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).