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## AN ACT

Relating to medical assistance for needy persons; and providing for an effective date.

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

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

(6) persons in a medical or intermediate care facility whose income while in the facility does not exceed 300 per cent of the supplemental security income benefit rate under title XVI of the Social Security Act but who would not be eligible for an optional state supplementary payment if they left the hospital or other facility.

\* Sec. 2. AS 47.07.030 is amended to read:

Sec. 47.07.030. MEDICAL SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED. Medical services to be offered to eligible persons include inpatient hospital, outpatient hospital, laboratory and X-ray, inpatient psychiatric hospital for persons age 65 or older and persons under age 21, skilled and intermediate nursing home, physician, home health care services, early periodic screening diagnosis and treatment of persons under 21 years of age, clinic services, treatment of speech, hearing and language disorders, and reasonable transportation to and from the point of medical care. No additional services may be provided unless approved by the legislature.

\* Sec. 3. AS 47.07.080 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(3) "clinic services" means services which are restricted to state-approved outpatient community mental health services which receive grants under AS 47.30.520 - 47.30.620 and state-operated mental health clinics.

\* Sec. 4. AS 47.25.250 is amended to read:

Sec. 47.25.250. TEMPORARY RELIEF. When a needy person is not entitled to assistance under secs. 120 300 of this chapter and has no relatives in the state liable for his support under secs. 230 and 240 of this chapter, the needy person may receive temporary assistance in the form and amount which the department considers necessary. Temporary assistance for needs other than transportation and medical care may not exceed \$80 per person per month.

\* Sec. 5. AS 47.25 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 47.25.255. CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS. Notwithstanding the provisions of secs. 230 and 240 of this chapter, the department shall reimburse providers of medical care for costs incurred in the treatment of persons suffering catastrophic illness. The determination of allowable costs and levels of reimbursement shall be made by the Catastrophic Illness Committee, consisting of a medical review officer from the Department of Health and Social Services, a member appointed by the governor who has suffered a catastrophic illness, and a representative of the Department of Commerce and Economic Development appointed by the governor.

\* Sec. 6. Section 1 of this Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.070(c).

\* Sec. 7. Sections 2,3,4 and 5 of this Act take effect July 1, 1976.