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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 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

#### CHAPTER 7. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY PERSONS.

Sec. 47.07.010. PURPOSE. It is declared as a matter of public concern that the needy persons of this state receive uniform and high quality medical care, regardless of race, age, national origin, or economic standing. Accordingly, this chapter authorizes the Department of Health and Social Services to apply for participation in the national medical assistance program as provided for under title XIX of the federal Social Security Act.

Sec. 47.07.020. ELIGIBLE PERSONS. A resident of the state who is eligible to receive financial assistance under titles I (Old Age Assistance), IV (Aid to Families with Dependent Children), X (Aid to the Blind), XIV (Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled), or XVI (the combined program for Aid to the Aged, Blind and Disabled) of the Social Security Act as these programs are administered by the state, including a person now in a nursing home who, if he left the nursing home, would be eligible, is eligible to receive medical assistance under title XIX of the Social Security Act. Receipt of medical assistance under this chapter is considered to be an additional benefit to these individuals and does not affect other assistance payments, federal or state, for which the recipient is eligible.

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, skilled nursing home, physicians and home health care services. If required by federal law or valid federal regulation, then the medical services of diagnostic medical screening services to include dental services for children under 21 years of age, and reasonable transportation to and from the point of medical care, shall be provided. No additional services may be provided unless approved by the legislature.

Sec. 47.07.040. STATE PLAN FOR PROVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE. The department shall prepare a state plan in accordance with the provisions of title XIX of the Social Security Act and submit it for approval to the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The plan shall designate that the Department of Health and Social Services is the single state agency to administer this plan. The department shall act for the state in any negotiations relative to the submission and approval of the plan and may make those arrangements, not inconsistent with law, as may be required under federal law to obtain and retain approval of the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare to secure for the state the provisions of title XIX of the Social Security Act. In addition, the department shall provide a report to the legislature no later than March 15 of each year concerning the status of this program and recommendations, with supporting fiscal data, as to any changes in the coverage of eligible persons or services to be provided.

Sec. 47.07.050. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. The department shall take the steps necessary to make those regulations, prepare necessary documentation for the state and providers and undertake the systems design that may be necessary to implement the provisions of this chapter on or before November 1, 1972. Implementation of the medical assistance program shall include appropriate controls and reporting capabilities as required by the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and the department shall make those necessary reports as required by that federal agency or as requested by the legislature.

Sec. 47.07.060. RECEIPT OF FEDERAL MONEY. The Department of Administration shall accept and receive all grants of money awarded to the state under title XIX of the Social Security Act. All money received shall be deposited by the Department of Administration in a special account of the general fund and shall be used by the state exclusively for medical assistance and the administration of medical assistance under the provisions of this chapter. This money shall be paid from the account on a certified disbursement voucher from the department.

Sec. 47.07.070. REIMBURSEMENT FOR COST SETTLED PROVIDERS. If permitted as allowable costs under the medicaid provisions of title XIX of the Social Security Act in accordance with existing federal law or regulation, reimbursement to "cost settled" providers of services shall be on the basis of fair rates for the reasonable cost of services rendered, to include the provision for

(1) patient care;

(2) charity and credit losses in accordance with the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare regulations;

(3) preservation, improvement and expansion of buildings and equipment;

(4) debt services for amortization of principal and interest payments.

Sec. 47.07.080. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

(1) "cost settled" providers are those providers who will be reimbursed on the basis of reasonable cost as provided for in federal laws and regulations;

(2) "department" means the Department of Health and Social Services.

\* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approval or on the day it becomes law without approval.