



LAWS OF ALASKA

1975

Source

HB 128

Chapter No.

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AN ACT

Requiring that coverage for newly born children be included in individual or group health and disability plans.

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

* Section 1. AS 21.42 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 21.42.345. REQUIRED PROVISION FOR COVERAGE FOR NEWLY BORN CHILDREN. All individual and group health insurance policies providing coverage on an expense incurred basis and individual and group service or indemnity type contracts issued by a nonprofit corporation which provide coverage for a family member of the insured or subscriber shall, as to the family members' coverage, also provide that the health insurance benefits applicable for children shall be payable with respect to a newly born child of the insured or subscriber from the moment of birth. The coverage for newly born children shall consist of coverage of injury or sickness including the necessary care and treatment of medically diagnosed congenital defects and birth abnormalities. If payment of a specific premium or subscription fee is required to provide coverage for a child, the policy or contract may require that notification of birth of a newly born child and payment of the required premium or fees must be furnished to the insurer or nonprofit service or indemnity corporation within 31 days after the date of birth in order to have the coverage continue beyond the 31-day period. The requirements of this chapter shall apply to all insurance policies and subscriber contracts delivered or issued for delivery in this state more than 120 days after the effective date of this Act.

* Sec. 2. AS 21.87.340 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(15) AS 21.42.345

Approved by governor: May 29, 1975

Actual effective date: August 27, 1975