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AN ACT

Requiring that health care insurers offer insurance coverage for well-baby exams.

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

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1 Requiring that health care insurers offer insurance coverage for well-baby exams.

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

4 **Sec. 21.42.351. Coverage for well-baby exams.** (a) A health care insurer that
5 offers health care insurance that covers a dependent of a covered individual shall,
6 initially and at each renewal, offer coverage for the cost of well-baby exams. The
7 coverage required to be offered by this section is subject to standard policy provisions
8 applicable to other benefits, including deductible or copayment provisions.

9 (b) In this section,

10 (1) "health care insurer" has the meaning given in AS 21.54.500;

11 (2) "health care professional" means a health aide, physician, nurse,
12 and physician assistant, but does not include a practitioner of religious healing;

13 (3) "well-baby exam" means

1 (A) a periodic physical examination by a qualified health care
2 professional of a baby during the first 24 months of life in which information is
3 collected on matters including normal development, growth rate, hearing,
4 vision, language skills, motor development, diet, general care, preventative
5 health care, immunizations, and infectious diseases; and
6 (B) consultation between the health care professional and a
7 parent.