



# LAWS OF ALASKA

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**Chapter No.**  
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## AN ACT

Relating to medical assistance reimbursement for the services of licensed professional counselors; 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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2 counselors; and providing for an effective date.

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4 \* **Section 1.** AS 47.07.030(b) is amended to read:

5 (b) In addition to the mandatory services specified in (a) of this section and the  
6 services provided under (d) of this section, the department may offer only the  
7 following optional services: case management services for traumatic or acquired brain  
8 injury; case management and nutrition services for pregnant women; personal care  
9 services in a recipient's home; emergency hospital services; long-term care  
10 noninstitutional services; medical supplies and equipment; advanced practice  
11 registered nurse services; clinic services; rehabilitative services for children eligible  
12 for services under AS 47.07.063, substance abusers, and emotionally disturbed or  
13 chronically mentally ill adults; targeted case management services; inpatient  
14 psychiatric facility services for individuals 65 years of age or older and individuals

1 under 21 years of age; psychologists' services; clinical social workers' services; marital  
2 and family therapy services; **professional counseling services**; midwife services;  
3 prescribed drugs; physical therapy; occupational therapy; chiropractic services; low-  
4 dose mammography screening, as defined in AS 21.42.375(e); hospice care; treatment  
5 of speech, hearing, and language disorders; adult dental services; prosthetic devices  
6 and eyeglasses; optometrists' services; intermediate care facility services, including  
7 intermediate care facility services for persons with intellectual and developmental  
8 disabilities; skilled nursing facility services for individuals under 21 years of age; and  
9 reasonable transportation to and from the point of medical care.

10 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 47.07.900 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

11 (20) "professional counseling services" means services within the  
12 practice of professional counseling provided by a person licensed as a professional  
13 counselor under AS 08.29; professional counseling services may be provided at a  
14 facility that is not a provider of clinic services.

15 \* **Sec. 3.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
16 read:

17 MEDICAID STATE PLAN FEDERAL APPROVAL. The Department of Health and  
18 Social Services shall amend and submit for federal approval the state plan for medical  
19 assistance coverage consistent with AS 47.07.030(b), as amended by sec. 1 of this Act, and  
20 AS 47.07.900(20), enacted by sec. 2 of this Act.

21 \* **Sec. 4.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
22 read:

23 CONDITIONAL EFFECT; NOTIFICATION. (a) The commissioner of health and  
24 social services shall notify the revisor of statutes in writing, on or before October 1, 2021, if  
25 the United States Department of Health and Human Services approves the amendments to the  
26 state plan for medical assistance coverage under AS 47.07.030(b), as amended by sec. 1 of  
27 this Act, and AS 47.07.900(20), enacted by sec. 2 of this Act.

28 (b) Sections 1 and 2 of this Act take effect only if the commissioner of health and  
29 social services notifies the revisor of statutes in writing as required under (a) of this section.

30 \* **Sec. 5.** If, under sec. 4 of this Act, secs. 1 and 2 of this Act take effect, they take effect on  
31 the day after the date the revisor of statutes receives notice from the commissioner of health

1 and social services under sec. 4 of this Act.