

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 260(HSS)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/24/10

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES KELLER, Tuck

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to preventive care services for medical assistance recipients; and**  
2 **providing for an effective date."**

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

4 **\* Section 1.** AS 47.07 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Sec. 47.07.047. Preventive care services.** (a) The department shall provide  
6 services and opportunities to enable eligible medical assistance recipients to receive a  
7 full range of preventive care services that are coordinated and that are provided in the  
8 least restrictive and most home-like environment. The services must include

- 9 (1) coordination by a primary care provider;  
10 (2) use of evidence-based practice guidelines;  
11 (3) patient education;  
12 (4) specialty referral and provider collaboration;  
13 (5) routine health assessments;  
14 (6) outcome assessment and measurement;

1 (7) other preventive services identified by the department in regulation.

2 (b) To implement (a) of this section, the department may contract with  
3 qualified entities or providers to provide preventive care services that include medical  
4 home-based services and programs of alternative care for the elderly.

5 (c) The department may provide services required under (a) of this section  
6 under a waiver, in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 1396 - 1396p (Title IX Social Security  
7 Act), this chapter, and regulations adopted under this chapter, if the department

8 (1) finds that providing the services under a waiver is the most cost-  
9 effective and cost-efficient method of providing the services;

10 (2) receives appropriations allocated for that purpose; and

11 (3) receives approval from the federal government for the waiver.

12 (d) The department shall evaluate the projected and actual savings resulting  
13 from implementation of this section and provide an annual report to the legislature  
14 describing the services provided, participant outcomes, costs, and savings.

15 (e) The department shall establish measures that include medical, social, and  
16 economic components for the services provided under this section. The measures shall  
17 be used in evaluating outcomes and savings for purposes of reporting under (d) of this  
18 section.

19 \* **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
20 read:

21 **FEDERAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE APPROVAL; NOTIFICATION.** (a) The  
22 Department of Health and Social Services may apply for a waiver from the United States  
23 Department of Health and Human Services to provide preventive services to medical  
24 assistance recipients under AS 47.07.047, enacted by sec. 1 of this Act.

25 (b) On or before July 1, 2011, the commissioner of health and social services shall  
26 notify the revisor of statutes of the approval or denial of a waiver applied for under this  
27 section.

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

30 **PREVENTIVE CARE SERVICES; REGULATIONS.** The Department of Health and  
31 Social Services may adopt regulations necessary to implement AS 47.07.047, enacted by sec.

- 1 1 of this Act. The regulations take effect under AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act) but
- 2 not before the effective date of sec. 1 of this Act.
- 3 \* **Sec. 4.** Sections 2 and 3 of this Act take effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).