

HOUSE BILL NO. 362

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE PRAX

Introduced: 2/20/24

Referred: State Affairs

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the reimbursement rate for prisoner medical care."**

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

3 * **Section 1.** AS 33.30.028 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

4 (e) The rate of reimbursement by the department to a provider for prisoner
5 medical care costs may not exceed the Medicaid reimbursement rate established under
6 42 U.S.C. 1396 - 1396w-7 (Title XIX, Social Security Act) unless the commissioner
7 enters into a contract for a higher rate of reimbursement. In this subsection, "medical
8 care costs" does not include the cost of psychological or psychiatric care provided to a
9 prisoner.

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

12 **APPLICABILITY.** AS 33.30.028(e), enacted by sec. 1 of this Act, applies to medical
13 care costs incurred on or after the effective date of this Act.