

**CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 169(HSS)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY THE SENATE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 3/12/18**

**Referred: Rules**

**Sponsor(s): SENATOR GIESSEL**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to the definition of 'direct supervision' for purposes of medical**  
2 **assistance coverage of behavioral health clinic services."**

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

4 **\* Section 1.** AS 47.07.030 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (h) For purposes of medical assistance coverage, the department may require  
6 behavioral health clinic services to be provided by or under the direct supervision of  
7 either a physician licensed under AS 08.64 or an advanced practice registered nurse  
8 licensed under AS 08.68 who is certified to provide psychiatric or mental health  
9 services. In this subsection, "direct supervision" means that a physician licensed under  
10 AS 08.64 or an advanced practice registered nurse licensed under AS 08.68 who is  
11 certified to provide psychiatric or mental health services is available, either in person  
12 or by a communication device, to

13 (1) provide clinical consultation or oversight to the supervisee;

14 (2) approve behavioral health treatment plans;

- 1 (3) review each case to determine the need for continued care;
- 2 (4) ensure that the services provided to recipients of behavioral health
- 3 clinic services are medically necessary and clinically appropriate; and
- 4 (5) assume professional responsibility for the services provided.