

HOUSE BILL NO. 134

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE COSTELLO

Introduced: 2/20/13
Referred:

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act requiring Medicaid payment for scheduled unit dose prescription drug**
2 **packaging and dispensing services for specified recipients."**

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. 47.07.031. Scheduled unit dose prescription drug dispensing services.**

6 (a) In addition to the services provided for under AS 47.07.030, the department shall
7 pay a provider for dispensing services for a prescription for scheduled unit doses as a
8 mediset for the purpose of assisting a medical assistance recipient to adhere to a
9 difficult dosing regimen if the recipient is

10 (1) eligible under AS 47.07.020(b)(4) - (7), (11), and (12);

11 (2) receiving home and community based services under a waiver
12 under AS 47.07.045; or

13 (3) residing in a facility that is licensed under AS 47.32 as a long-term
14 care facility, assisted living home, residential treatment center, or other group home.

1 (b) Payment under this section must include

2 (1) a reasonable fee for dispensing services for the period specified in
3 the prescription; the following dispensing services are eligible for payment:

4 (A) providing pharmaceutical care by consolidating
5 prescriptions for purposes of clinical oversight and clinical monitoring of
6 therapeutic outcomes, and reporting to the prescriber on prescription
7 compliance;

8 (B) creation and delivery of weekly compliance medication
9 packaging by trained personnel;

10 (C) reviewing and reassessing all returned weekly compliance
11 packaging for compliance and alignment with the medication plan;

12 (D) the licensed clinical pharmacist remaining available 24
13 hours a day, seven days a week for consultation, for addressing medication
14 emergencies, and for making urgent clinically critical changes to a medication
15 plan;

16 (E) offering quarterly in-person one-on-one review with a
17 recipient or the recipient's representative of a recipient's complete medication
18 profile and medication administration record, including review of compliance
19 and identification of potential and actual medication problems, for the purpose
20 of preventing potential medication-related problems;

21 (F) reporting to the prescriber on patient compliance,
22 polypharmacy, or other issues related to the recipient's medication at least
23 quarterly; and

24 (2) the actual cost of transporting and packaging the medication based
25 on the method necessitated by the location of the provider and the special handling, if
26 any, required for the medication.

27 (c) To the extent feasible, a provider may include multiple medications in a
28 mediset for a recipient if the prescription for at least one of the medications requires a
29 mediset.

30 (d) In this section,

31 (1) "mediset" means a package containing a specified quantity of one

1 or more prescription medications that have been divided by a provider into unit doses
2 to be taken over a specified period according to a prescription issued by an authorized
3 health care provider and that requires specialized dispensing services;

4 (2) "unit dose" means a single dose of a prescription medication
5 packaged for one-time use.