

HOUSE BILL NO. 344 am S(efd add S)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

Amended: 5/14/24
Introduced: 2/20/24

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to medical assistance demonstration projects established by the**
2 **Department of Health; and relating to medical assistance coverage for rehabilitative,**
3 **mandatory, and optional services furnished or paid for by a school district on behalf of**
4 **certain children; relating to the supplemental nutrition assistance program; and**
5 **providing for an effective date."**

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

7 *** Section 1.** AS 47.07.036 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

8 (h) Notwithstanding (a) - (c) of this section, and in addition to the projects and
9 services described under (d) - (f) of this section, the department may apply for a
10 section 1115 waiver under 42 U.S.C. 1315(a) to establish one or more demonstration
11 projects focused on addressing health-related needs and supportive services for one or
12 more groups of medical assistance recipients in one or more specific geographic areas.
13 In this subsection, "health-related needs" means social or economic conditions that

1 contribute to an individual's poor health outcomes and may include nutrition and food
 2 security, workforce development, transportation, temporary housing, or case
 3 management.

4 * **Sec. 2.** AS 47.07.063(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) The department may pay medical assistance under this chapter to a school
 6 district on behalf of an eligible child, including a child with a disability, for
 7 rehabilitative and other mandatory and optional services covered under this chapter
 8 that are furnished or paid for by the school district if

9 (1) the school district and the department have entered into an
 10 agreement requiring the school district to reimburse the department for any state
 11 financial share required by the federal government;

12 (2) the rehabilitative and other mandatory and optional services are

13 [(A) INCLUDED IN THE CHILD'S INDIVIDUALIZED
 14 EDUCATION PROGRAM DEVELOPED UNDER AS 14.30.278; AND

15 (B)] otherwise eligible for reimbursement under this chapter;

16 (3) the child [IS A CHILD WITH A DISABILITY WHO]

17 (A) is eligible for medical assistance under this chapter for the
 18 services; and

19 (B) complies with all applicable provisions of this chapter for
 20 that assistance;

21 (4) the school district fully complies with billing, auditing, and
 22 reporting required under the approved state plan described in AS 47.07.040;

23 (5) reimbursement of payment for the rehabilitative and other
 24 mandatory and optional services under this section does not exceed reimbursement
 25 allowable for the services under this chapter; and

26 (6) all other requirements of federal and state law are met.

27 ** **Sec. 3.** AS 47.25.980(a) is amended to read:

28 (a) The department shall

29 (1) adopt regulations necessary to carry out the food stamp program;

30 (2) cooperate with the federal government and do all things necessary
 31 to continue state eligibility under the food stamp program;

1 (3) comply with the requirements of 7 U.S.C. 2011 - 2036d
2 (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), implement categorical eligibility
3 under 7 U.S.C. 2014(a), and make eligible an individual whose household income
4 is not more than 200 percent of the federal poverty guideline regardless of the
5 value of assets owned by the household [7 U.S.C. 2011 - 2036 (FOOD STAMP
6 PROGRAM)];

7 (4) establish an electronic application for the food stamp program and
8 allow an applicant to submit an application in electronic format or in other formats
9 required by state and federal law; the electronic application must inform an applicant
10 that a false statement made on the application will be investigated and is punishable
11 under AS 11.56.210; in this paragraph, "electronic application" means an application
12 for benefits or renewal of benefits, whether the department exclusively administers the
13 benefits or administers the benefits in coordination with another state agency or
14 federal agency, electronically completed and submitted through the department's
15 Internet website.

16 * **Sec. 4.** Section 2 of this Act takes effect July 1, 2025."
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