33-GS1708\U.A

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 57(FIN) am H

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Amended: 5/8/23 Offered: 5/1/23

Sponsor(s): SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1	"An Act relating to the sharing of confidential health information between the
2	Department of Health and the Department of Family and Community Services; relating
3	to home- and community-based services under the medical assistance program; relating
4	to medical assistance for recipients of Medicaid waivers; establishing a host care home
5	license and procedures; providing for the transition of individuals from foster care to
6	host home care settings; and providing for an effective date."
7	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
8	* Section 1. AS 47.05 is amended by adding a new section to article 1 to read:
9	Sec. 47.05.115. Access to identifiable health information. Notwithstanding a
10	contrary provision of law, the Department of Health and the Department of Family
11	and Community Services shall share identifiable health information, regardless of the
12	confidential nature of the information, between and within the departments as
13	necessary to enable administration or operation of the sending or receiving

1	department. Information shared in accordance with this section shall be acquired,
2	used, disclosed, and stored in a confidential manner that safeguards the security of the
3	information in a physically, administratively, and technologically secure environment.
4	In this section, "identifiable health information" has the meaning given in
5	AS 18.15.395.
6	* Sec. 2. AS 47.07.045 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:
7	(e) Unless prohibited by federal law, the state shall allow a legally responsible
8	person to provide personal care services under this section to a recipient of medical
9	assistance under the 1915(k) state plan option under 42 U.S.C. 1396n.
10	* Sec. 3. AS 47.07 is amended by adding a new section to read:
11	Sec. 47.07.048. Host home care services. (a) The department shall pay for
12	host home care services for an individual at a daily rate set by the department in
13	regulation if
14	(1) the individual is enrolled in and receiving medical assistance under
15	AS 47.07.020;
16	(2) the individual is at least 18 years of age;
17	(3) the individual is enrolled in home and community-based waiver
18	services under AS 47.07.045;
19	(4) the individual's support plan is approved for host home care
20	services; and
21	(5) the person providing the services to the individual holds a host care
22	home license issued under AS 47.32.
23	(b) Notwithstanding the limitations of Medicaid coverage under
24	AS 47.07.020, an individual may receive habilitative and rehabilitative care in
25	addition to host home care services.
26	(c) The department shall adopt regulations to implement this section,
27	including regulations that
28	(1) set a daily rate for host home care services to be paid under this
29	section;
30	(2) establish standards for caring for an individual receiving host home
31	care services in the home care setting;

1	(3) establish standards for operating a host care home;
2	(4) establish a procedure for transitioning an individual from a licensed
3	foster care home to a licensed host care home; and
4	(5) establish a simple and efficient process to allow a foster parent who
5	holds a foster home license issued under AS 47.32 to transition from the foster home
6	license to a host care home license under AS 47.32.033 for the purpose of maintaining
7	the placement of and services provided to an individual who is
8	(A) transitioning out of foster care;
9	(B) enrolled in home and community-based waiver services
10	under AS 47.07.045; and
11	(C) 18 years of age or older.
12	* Sec. 4. AS 47.32.010(b) is amended to read:
13	(b) The following entities are subject to this chapter and regulations adopted
14	under this chapter by the Department of Health:
15	(1) ambulatory surgical centers;
16	(2) assisted living homes;
17	(3) child care facilities;
18	(4) freestanding birth centers;
19	(5) home health agencies;
20	(6) hospices, or agencies providing hospice services or operating
21	hospice programs;
22	(7) hospitals;
23	(8) intermediate care facilities for individuals with an intellectual
24	disability or related condition;
25	(9) maternity homes;
26	(10) nursing facilities;
27	(11) residential child care facilities;
28	(12) residential psychiatric treatment centers;
29	(13) rural health clinics;
30	(14) subacute mental health facilities:
31	(15) host care homes.

1	* Sec. 5. AS 47.32 is amended by adding a new section to read:
2	Sec. 47.32.033. Host care home license. (a) The Department of Health may
3	issue a license to a person under this section and regulations adopted under this section
4	to operate a host care home to provide 24-hour oversight and care on a continuing
5	basis for up to two individuals if each individual is
6	(1) 18 years of age or older; and
7	(2) enrolled in Medicaid home and community-based waiver services
8	under AS 47.07.045.
9	(b) A host care home shall provide care to an individual under this section in
10	accordance with the approved services established in the individual's plan of care,
11	which shall identify the specific physical, mental, and social care needs of the
12	individual.
13	(c) The Department of Health may establish standards in regulation that
14	authorize care for up to three individuals based on unusual circumstances, including
15	historical or familial connections of the individuals receiving services.
16	* Sec. 6. AS 47.32.900(2) is amended to read:
17	(2) "assisted living home"
18	(A) means a residential facility that serves three or more adults
19	who are not related to the owner by blood or marriage, or that receives state or
20	federal payment for services regardless of the number of adults served; the
21	Department of Health [DEPARTMENT] shall consider a facility to be an
22	assisted living home if the facility
23	(i) provides housing and food services to its residents;
24	(ii) offers to provide or obtain for its residents
25	assistance with activities of daily living;
26	(iii) offers personal assistance as defined in
27	AS 47.33.990; or
28	(iv) provides or offers any combination of these
29	services;
30	(B) does not include
31	(i) a correctional facility;

1	(ii) an emergency shelter;
2	(iii) a program licensed under AS 47.10.310 for
3	runaway minors;
4	(iv) a type of entity listed in AS 47.32.010(b)(6) - (10).
5	(15), or (c)(2) [AS 47.32.010(b)(6) - (10) OR (c)(2);]
6	* Sec. 7. AS 47.32.900 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:
7	(21) "host care home" means a home in which the adult head of
8	household resides and provides 24-hour care on a continuing basis under a license
9	issued under AS 47.32.033 for an individual eligible under AS 47.07.048.
10	* Sec. 8. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
11	read:
12	MEDICAID STATE PLAN. The Department of Health shall submit as necessary for
13	approval by the United States Department of Health and Human Services amendments to the
14	state plan under AS 47.07.040, a section 1915(c) waiver, or a section 1115 demonstration
15	waiver under 42 U.S.C. 1396 - 1396p (Social Security Act) to allow enrolled individuals to
16	receive host home care services under AS 47.07.048, enacted by sec. 3 of this Act, including,
17	if approved as not being a duplicative service, allowing other long-term care services under 42
18	U.S.C. 1396 - 1396p (Title XIX, Social Security Act) while receiving host home care services
19	under AS 47.07.048(c), enacted by sec. 3 of this Act.
20	* Sec. 9. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
21	read:
22	CONDITIONAL EFFECT; NOTIFICATION. (a) Section 3 of this Act takes effect
23	only if, and to the extent that, before July 1, 2027, the United States Department of Health and
24	Human Services approves amendments submitted under sec. 8 of this Act.
25	(b) The commissioner of health shall notify the revisor of statutes in writing within 30
26	days after the United States Department of Health and Human Services approves amendments
27	to the state plan.
28	* Sec. 10. If AS 47.07.048, enacted by sec. 3 of this Act, or a portion of AS 47.07.048,
29	enacted by sec. 3 of this Act, takes effect, it takes effect on the day after the date the revisor of
30	statutes receives notice from the commissioner of health under sec. 9(b) of this Act.