

# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES



## PROPOSED CHANGES TO REGULATIONS

### MEDICAID OUTPATIENT HOSPITAL OBSERVATION SERVICES

#### **7 AAC 140. Medicaid Coverage; Facility and Facility-Based Services.**

- 7 AAC 140.310. Covered hospital services.



### **PUBLIC REVIEW DRAFT**

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**COMMENT PERIOD ENDS: October 14, 2020**

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comment on these proposed changes.**

**Notes to reader:**

1. Except as discussed in note 2, new text that amends an existing regulation is **bolded and underlined**.
2. If the lead-in line above the text of each section of the regulations states that a new section, subsection, paragraph, or subparagraph is being added, or that an existing section, subsection, paragraph, or subparagraph is being repealed and readopted (replaced), *the new or replaced text is not bolded or underlined*.
3. [ALL-CAPS TEXT WITHIN BRACKETS] indicates text that is to be deleted.
4. When the word “including” is used, Alaska Statutes provide that it means “including, but not limited to.”
5. Only the text that is being changed within a section of the current regulations is included in this draft. Refer to the text of that whole section, published in the current Alaska Administrative Code, to determine how a proposed change relates within the context of the whole section and the whole chapter.

**Title 7 Health and Social Services.****Chapter 140. Medicaid Coverage; Facility and Facility-Based Services.****7 AAC 140.310. Covered hospital services.**

7 AAC 140.310 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(e) The department will pay for outpatient hospital observation services, not to exceed 48 hours, only if a recipient’s condition warrants evaluation.

(Eff. 2/1/2010, Register 193; am\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_, Register\_\_\_\_\_) )

**Authority:** AS 47.05.010 AS 47.07.030 AS 47.07.040