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OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ALASKA

MEMORANDUM

 TO: Triptaa Surve, Project Coordinator Department of Health
 FROM: April Simpson, Alaska Administrative Code Coordinator Office of the Lieutenant Governor
 DATE: April 25, 2025
 RE: Filed Permanent Regulations: Department of Health
 Department of Health - Senior & Disabilities Services regulations re: Medicaid coverage for home and community-based waiver employment services (7 AAC 130.270; 7 AAC 160.900)

Attorney General File:	2024200284
Regulation Filed:	4/25/2025
Effective Date:	5/25/2025
Print:	254, July 2025

cc with enclosures:

Beth Parsons, Paralegal 2 Department of Law

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April 25, 2025

The Honorable Nancy Dahlstrom Lieutenant Governor State of Alaska P.O. Box 110015 Juneau, AK 99811-0015

Re: 7 AAC 130.270; 7 AAC 160.900: DOH/SDS: Medicaid coverage for home and community-based waiver employment services

Our file: 2024200284

Dear Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom:

The Department of Law has reviewed the attached regulations of the Department of Health against the statutory standards of the Administrative Procedure Act. Based upon our review, we find no legal problems. This letter constitutes the written statement of approval under AS 44.62.060(b) and (c) that authorizes your office to file the attached regulations. The regulations were adopted by the Department of Health after the close of the public comment period.

The regulations concern Medicaid coverage for home and community-based waiver services that are employment services.

The August 21, 2024 public notice and the April 22, 2025 adoption order both state that this action is not expected to require an increased appropriation. Therefore, a fiscal note under AS 44.62.060 is not required.

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No technical corrections were necessary to conform the regulations in accordance with AS 44.62.060.

Sincerely,

TREG TAYLOR
ATTORNEY GENERALAmyDigitally signed by Amy
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13:21:48-08:00*By:Amy H. Robinson
Senior Assistant Attorney General and
Acting Regulations Attorney
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CC w/enclosure: Triptaa Surve, Project Coordinator Department of Health

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MEMORANDUM

State of Alaska

Department of Law

TO:	The Honorable Lieutenant Go	e Nancy Dahlstrom vernor	DATE:	April 21, 2025
			TEL. NO.:	(907) 465-4039
FROM:	A: Rebecca C. Polizzotto Chief Assistant Attorney General and Regulations Attorney Legislation, Regulations, and Legislative Research Section		SUBJECT:	2018200636: Delegation of Authority for Regulations Matters
	Rebecca C. Polizzotto	Digitally signed by Rebecca C. Polizzotto Date: 2025.04.21 14:26:22 -08'00'		

I delegate my authority as Regulations Attorney under AS 44.62 to Senior Assistant Attorney General Amy H. Robinson while I am absent from the office. Under this delegation, Amy H. Robinson has my full authority under AS 44.62 to conduct the legal review of regulations or take necessary actions as Acting Regulations Attorney.

This delegation is effective from 8:00 A.M. Monday, April 21, 2025, and expires at 5:00 P.M. Friday, April 25, 2025. This delegation supersedes previous delegations.

RCP/bhp

cc: April Simpson, AAC Coordinator Office of the Lt. Governor

> Stacie Kraly, Director of Legal Services Civil Division

Rachel L. Witty, Director of Legal Services Civil Division

Amy H. Robinson, Senior Assistant Attorney General Legislation, Regulations, and Legislative Research Section

Colleen Bailey, Regulations Legal Editor Legislation, Regulations, and Legislative Research Section

ORDER ADOPTING CHANGES TO REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

The attached three pages of regulations, dealing with Medicaid Coverage for Home and Community-Based Waiver Employment Services are adopted and certified to be a correct copy of the regulation changes that the Department of Health adopts under the authority of AS 47.05.010, AS 47.05.012, AS 47.07.030, AS 47.07.040, and AS 47.07.085, and after compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62), specifically including notice under AS 44.62.190 and 44.62.200 and opportunity for public comment under AS 44.62.210.

This action is not expected to require an increased appropriation.

In considering public comments, the Department of Health paid special attention to the cost to private persons of the regulatory action being taken.

The regulation changes adopted under this order take effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the lieutenant governor as provided in AS 44.62.180.

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Heidi Hedberg, Commissioner Department of Health

tpril Simpson for

May 25, 2025. 254, July 2025 FILING CERTIFICATION

I, Nancy Dahlstrom, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Alaska, certify that on	
2025, at 2:45p.m., I filed the attached regulations according to the provisions of AS 44.62.040 -	
44.62.120.	

Lieutenant Governor Nancy Dry Strom

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Effective:

Register:

FOR DELEGATION OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S AUTHORITY

I, NANCY DAHLSTROM, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, designate the following state employees to perform the Administrative Procedures Act filing functions of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor:

April Simpson, Regulations and Initiatives Specialist

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed and affixed the Seal of the State of Alaska, in Juneau, on May 15th, 2023.



NANCY DAHLSTROM LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Register <u>254</u>, <u>July</u> 2025 HEALTH

7 AAC 130.270(a)(9) is amended to read:

(9) <u>planned to maximize the recipient's independence and provide the</u> <u>minimum amount of support required for the recipient to obtain and maintain employment</u> [PROVIDED IN DECREASING AMOUNTS OVER TIME, AS THE RECIPIENT MEETS THE SPECIFIC SERVICE OUTCOMES AND EMPLOYMENT-RELATED GOALS IDENTIFIED IN THE PERSON-CENTERED SUPPORT PLAN];

7 AAC 130.270(c)(2) is amended to read:

(2) assist the recipient to accomplish work-related goals identified in a personcentered support plan, and <u>maximize the recipient's independence and provide the minimum</u> <u>amount of support required for the recipient to obtain and maintain employment</u> [DECREASE OVER TIME] as goals are achieved; and

7 AAC 130.270(d)(10)(B) is amended to read:

(B) are not planned to <u>maximize the recipient's independence and</u> provide the minimum amount of support required for the recipient to obtain and <u>maintain employment</u> [DECREASE OVER TIME];

7 AAC 130.270 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(f) Incidental assistance with the recipient's activities of daily living described in 7 AAC 125.030(b) at the workplace is considered an ancillary part of employment services. (Eff. 2/1/2010, Register 193; am 7/1/2013, Register 206; am 7/1/2015, Register 214; am 10/1/2017, Register 223; am 11/5/2017, Register 224; am 3/31/2021, Register 238; am 9/9/2021, Register 239; am 9/18/2022, Register 243; am $\leq /2 \leq /2025$, Register 254)

Register 25-	L. July	_ 2025	HEALT	ГН
Authority:	AS 47.05.010	AS 4	7.07.030	AS 47.07.040

7 AAC 160.900(d)(49) is amended to read:

(49) the Employment Services Conditions of Participation, dated November 15,
 <u>2024</u> [JULY 1, 2022];

(Eff. 2/1/2010, Register 193; am 8/25/2010, Register 195; am 12/1/2010, Register 196; am 1/1/2011, Register 196; am 1/15/2011, Register 197; am 2/9/2011, Register 197; am 3/1/2011, Register 197; am 10/1/2011, Register 199; am 12/1/2011, Register 200; am 1/26/2012, Register 201; am 3/8/2012, Register 201; am 4/1/2012, Register 201; add'l am 4/1/2012, Register 201; am 5/11/2012, Register 202; am 10/16/2012, Register 204; am 11/3/2012, Register 204; am 12/1/2012, Register 204; am 12/2/2012, Register 204; am 1/1/2013, Register 204; am 1/16/2013, Register 205; am 7/1/2013, Register 206; add'l am 7/1/2013, Register 206; am 11/3/2013, Register 208; am 1/1/2014, Register 208; am 2/2/2014, Register 209; am 3/19/2014, Register 209; am 3/22/2014, Register 209; am 5/18/2014, Register 210; am 2/26/2015, Register 213; am 3/15/2015, Register 213; am 7/1/2015, Register 214; am 5/1/2016, Register 218; am 6/16/2016, Register 218; am 7/22/2017, Register 223; am 11/5/2017, Register 224; am 3/1/2018, Register 225; am 10/1/2018, Register 227; am 1/1/2019, Register 228; am 3/24/2019, Register 229; am 6/2/2019, Register 230; am 6/13/2019, Register 230; [AM 6/16/2016, REGISTER 218;] am 7/1/2019, Register 231; am 10/25/2019, Register 232; am 11/10/2019, Register 232; am 4/24/2020, Register 234; am 5/21/2020, Register 234; am 6/25/2020, Register 234; am 10/1/2020, Register 235; am 10/4/2020, Register 236; am 1/1/2021, Register 236; am 3/31/2021, Register 238; am 6/30/2021, Register 238; am 8/27/2021, Register 239; am 9/9/2021, Register 239; am 10/9/2021, Register 240; am 11/1/2021, Register 240; am 5/25/2022, Register 242; am

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Register 254, July 2025 HEALTH

9/4/2022, Register 243; am 9/18/2022, Register 243; am 10/16/2022, Register 244; am 12/1/2022, Register 244; am 12/23/2022, Register 244; am 3/3/2023, Register 245; am 3/26/2023, Register 245; am 5/1/2023, Register 246; am 5/19/2023, Register 246; am 1/1/2024, Register 248; am 2/1/2024, Register 249; **add'l** [ADDT'L] am 2/2/2024, Register 249; am 3/1/2024, Register 249; am **11/8/2024** [11/08/2024], Register 252; am 1/5/2025, Register 253; am $\leq /2 \leq /2 \leq 2 \leq$, Register 254)

 Authority:
 AS 47.05.010
 AS 47.07.030
 AS 47.07.085

 AS 47.05.012
 AS 47.07.040
 AS 47.07.040