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MEMORANDUM

TO: Triptaa Surve, Project Coordinator
Department of Health

FROM: April Simpson, Alaska Administrative Code Coordinator 
Office of the Lieutenant Governor

DATE: May 15, 2026

RE: Filed Permanent Regulations: Department of Health

Department of Health regulations re: Medicaid Payment Rates for Behavioral Health Services (7 AAC 169.900)

Attorney General File:	2026200054
Regulation Filed:	5/15/2026
Effective Date:	7/1/2026
Print:	258, July 2026

cc with enclosures: Beth Parsons, Paralegal 2
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May 14, 2026

The Honorable Nancy Dahlstrom
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State of Alaska
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Re: *7 AAC 160.900: Department of Health - Medicaid Payment Rates for Behavioral Health Services*
Our file: 2026200054

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 update payment rates for community behavioral health and mental health physician clinic Medicaid covered services, for behavioral health reform "1115" Medicaid services, and for autism services.

We note that the adoption order has a special effective date of July 1, 2026. Accordingly, we respectfully request that the regulations be filed on or before June 1, 2026.

The public notice and the 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.

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

Sincerely,

CORI MILLS
ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL

By: **Rebecca C. Polizzotto**
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CC w/enclosure: Triptaa Surve, Regulations Contact
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Laura O. Russell, Assistant Attorney General
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ORDER ADOPTING CHANGES TO REGULATIONS
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

The attached regulations, dealing with Medicaid Payment Rates for Behavioral Health 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 July 1, 2026, as provided in AS 44.62.180.

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Heidi Hedberg, Commissioner
Department of Health

April Simpson for

FILING CERTIFICATION

I, Nancy Dahlstrom, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Alaska, certify that on May 15, 2026, at 1:30pm., I filed the attached regulations according to the provisions of AS 44.62.040 - 44.62.120.

for *Nancy Dahlstrom*
Lieutenant Governor *Nancy Dahlstrom*

Effective: July 1, 2026.

Register: 258, July 2026

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.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nancy Dahlstrom", is written over a horizontal dotted line.

**NANCY DAHLSTROM
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

7 AAC 160.900(d)(59) is amended to read:

(59) the *Chart of Community Behavioral Health and Mental Health Physician Clinic Medicaid Covered Services Rates*, dated **February 12, 2026** [OCTOBER 22, 2024];

7 AAC 160.900(d)(65) is amended to read:

(65) *Chart of Behavioral Health Reform 1115 Medicaid Services Rates*, dated **April 28, 2026** [APRIL 5, 2024];

7 AAC 160.900(d)(73) is amended to read:

(73) *Medicaid Procedure Codes and Rates - Autism Services*, dated **February 12, 2026** [APRIL 13, 2023];

(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

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6/2/2019, Register 230; am 6/13/2019, Register 230; 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 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; am 2/2/2024, Register 249; add'l am 2/2/2024, Register 249; am 3/1/2024, Register 249; am 11/8/2024, Register 252; am 1/5/2025, Register 253; am 5/25/2025, Register 254; am 8/9/2025, Register 255; am 11/14/2025, Register 256; am 7 / 1 / 2026, Register 258)

Authority: AS 47.05.010 AS 47.07.030 AS 47.07.085
AS 47.05.012 AS 47.07.040

The 72nd paragraph of the editor's note following 7 AAC 160.900 is changed to read:

The *Medicaid Procedure Codes and Rates - Autism Services*, [DATED APRIL 13, 2023,] adopted by reference in 7 AAC 160.900(d), may be obtained from the Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Behavioral Health, 3601 C Street, Suite 934 [878], Anchorage, Alaska 99503-5932 [99503-7167].

The editor's note following 7 AAC 160.900 is changed by adding a new paragraph at the end to read:

The Chart of Community Behavioral Health and Mental Health Physician Clinic Medicaid Covered Services Rates, adopted by reference in 7 AAC 160.900(d), may be obtained from the Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Behavioral Health, 3601 C Street, Suite 934, Anchorage, Alaska 99503-5932.