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Chapter No.

AN ACT

Relating to complex care residential homes; and providing for an effective date.

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

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3 * **Section 1.** AS 47.32.010(b) is amended to read:

4 (b) The following entities are subject to this chapter and regulations adopted
5 under this chapter by the Department of Health:

6 (1) ambulatory surgical centers;

7 (2) assisted living homes;

8 (3) child care facilities;

9 (4) freestanding birth centers;

10 (5) home health agencies;

11 (6) hospices, or agencies providing hospice services or operating
12 hospice programs;

13 (7) hospitals;

- 1 (8) host care homes;
- 2 (9) intermediate care facilities for individuals with an intellectual
- 3 disability or related condition;
- 4 (10) maternity homes;
- 5 (11) nursing facilities;
- 6 (12) residential child care facilities;
- 7 (13) residential psychiatric treatment centers;
- 8 (14) rural health clinics;
- 9 (15) subacute mental health facilities;
- 10 **(16) complex care residential homes.**

11 * **Sec. 2.** AS 47.32.900(2) is amended to read:

12 (2) "assisted living home"

13 (A) means a residential facility that serves three or more adults
14 who are not related to the owner by blood or marriage, or that receives state or
15 federal payment for services regardless of the number of adults served; the
16 Department of Health shall consider a facility to be an assisted living home if
17 the facility

18 (i) provides housing and food services to its residents;

19 (ii) offers to provide or obtain for its residents assistance
20 with activities of daily living;

21 (iii) offers personal assistance as defined in
22 AS 47.33.990; or

23 (iv) provides or offers any combination of these services;

24 (B) does not include

25 (i) a correctional facility;

26 (ii) an emergency shelter;

27 (iii) a program licensed under AS 47.10.310 for runaway
28 minors;

29 (iv) a type of entity listed in AS 47.32.010(b)(6) - (11)

30 **and (16)** or (c)(2);

31 * **Sec. 3.** AS 47.32.900(11) is amended to read:

1 (11) "hospital" means a public or private institution or establishment
2 devoted primarily to providing diagnosis, treatment, or care over a continuous period of
3 24 hours each day for two or more unrelated individuals suffering from illness, physical
4 or mental disease, injury or deformity, or any other condition for which medical or
5 surgical services would be appropriate; "hospital" does not include a frontier extended
6 stay clinic **or a complex care residential home;**

7 * **Sec. 4.** AS 47.32.900 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

8 (22) "complex care residential home" means a residential setting that
9 provides 24-hour multidisciplinary care on a continuing basis to individuals with
10 mental, behavioral, medical, or disability-related needs that require specialized care,
11 services, and monitoring.

12 * **Sec. 5.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
13 read:

14 MEDICAID STATE PLAN; WAIVERS. The Department of Health shall, as necessary
15 for federal approval by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, submit
16 amendments to the state plan for medical assistance coverage or apply for any waivers
17 necessary to implement secs. 1 - 4 of this Act.

18 * **Sec. 6.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2027.