Fact Sheet for: Senate Bill 285

Short Title: Medical Assistance Coverage

Summary:
• Expands medical assistance coverage for targeted case management services.
• Clarifies that school districts can seek reimbursement as Medicaid providers for services provided to students for rehabilitative services.
• Allows access to funding for family preservation services for children who are subject to, or at risk of, abuse or neglect.

Benefits:
• Secures long-term sustained funding for these services, saving an estimated $270,000 in general funds for FY 2005.
• Addresses the need for increased support services for at-risk families in Alaska as identified in the 2003 Program Improvement Plan from the Office of Children’s Services.
• Funding also supports tribal agencies that provide social services to families.

Background:
• Provides “targeted case management,” which helps individuals gain access to necessary medical, social, educational, and psychological services. Service providers can collaborate to work in partnership to treat the individual in a holistic approach to health.