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<i>Bills highlighted in pale yellow are Resolutions</i>					
Bill No.	Status	Status Date	Title (Bill Name)	Sponsor	What it Does
ACoA 2010 Legislative Priorities					
CSSB32	Passed Senate & died in House FIN	4/19/10	Medicaid: Home/Community Based Services	Sen. Ellis	Every four years, review home and community-based services within available state and federal funding and adjust reimbursement rates based on reasonable costs relating to patient care and audit and inspection results and reports.
SB118	Never Heard	4/19/10	Medicaid: Traumatic Brain Injury Services	Sen. McGuire	Relating to medical assistance waiver coverage for traumatic brain injury services
SB155	Never Heard	4/19/10	Medical Assistance for Cognitive Disabilities	Sen. McGuire	Relating to medical assistance payments for cognitive disabilities, which means a brain injury, Alzheimer's disease or related dementia, or other brain condition resulting in a significant impairment of independent functioning.
SB199 Companion bill HB 265	Passed! On to Governor!	4/19/10	Medicaid Coverage for Dentures	Sen. Ellis	Provides for a two-year funding cycle for medical assistance coverage for dentures. If the department authorizes or approves payment for complete or partial dentures for an eligible recipient, the department may authorize the payment in one fiscal year of the maximum payment amount for not more than two fiscal years. A recipient is not eligible for additional benefits under this section for a two-year period.
SB238	Passed! On to Governor!	4/1/1910	Medicaid for Medical & Intermediate Care - \$0 fiscal note	Sen. Davis	Return to the original wording of AS 47.07.020 (b) (6), the Medicaid statute establishing income eligibility for persons requiring nursing home level of care, referencing 300% of the maximum Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefit rate rather than the current frozen dollar amount (\$1,656 a month) to reflect changes in cost of living so that seniors and other Medicaid-eligible persons will not be disqualified for services, including home- and community-based waiver services, due to small increases to their Social Security and other benefits. The amount of \$1,656 is the monthly amount of 300% of SSI in 2003. The 2009 income equivalent is \$2,022 monthly.
Medical					
HB 25	Never Heard	4/19/10	Establishes the Alaska Health Reform Policy Commission in HSS with executive director	Rep. Hawker	Creates a commission in DHSS to formulate targeted and specific policy recommendations for legislative and executive branch consideration. Commission consists of 16 members; the DHSS Comm. (chairs); 10 appointed by Gov.; and 5 nonvoting advisory members. Lays out duties and reporting requirements. Allows comm. to hire executive director. Sunsets the commission on 7/1/15.

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CSHB 50	Passed. On to Governor	4/19/2010	Limit Mandatory Overtime for Registered Nurses (RN's)	Rep. Wilson	Limits number of overtime hours RN's and LPN's can be expected to work by employer or that they can accept. Provides information on enforcement, offenses and penalties.
HB61	Never Heard	4/19/10	Medical Assistance Eligibility - Denali Kid Care	Rep. Cissna, Rep. Gruenberg	Raises the eligibility limit for Denali KidCare for children and pregnant women from 175% of the federal poverty level to 250%.
HB62	Never Heard	4/19/10	Medical Assistance Eligibility - Denali Kid Care	Rep. Hawker	Raises the eligibility limit for Denali KidCare for children and pregnant women from 175% of the federal poverty level to 200%.
CSHB 71	Passed HSS, JUD died in FIN	4/19/10	Advance Health Care Directives Registry	Rep. Holmes, Rep. Dahlstrom	When a hospital refers an individual at or near death to a business or organization, they may make a reasonable search of the directive registry established under AS 13.52.310 and shall make a reasonable search of the other records of the department and a donor registry
HB 75	Never Heard	4/19/10	Establishes the Alaska Health Care Commission	Rep. Cissna & Rep. Gruenberg	Establishes the Alaska Health Care Commission, relating to health planning requiring a certificate of need study.
SSHB118	Never Heard	4/19/10	No Child Left Uninsured Act	Rep. Gara	The department shall, to the extent funding is available in one calendar month each year, spend \$25,000 that month advertising on television and radio the medical assistance program benefits available to persons under 21 years of age and to pregnant women.
HB178	Never Heard	4/19/10	Payments to Physicians: Medicare/Pro bono	Rep. Gara	Provides for State incentive payments to physicians who provide qualified services to Medicare recipients and services to patients for which there is no charge to the patient.
HB204	Passed ED died in FIN	4/19/10	Postsecondary Medical Education Program	Rep. Dahlstrom	Increases the number of students pursuing a medical education from 20 to 24 who are provided postsecondary educational services and programs under the WWAMI program.
HB260	Passed HSS died in FIN	4/19/10	Medicaid: Preventive Care/Disease Mgt.	Rep. Keller	Provides preventive care and disease management services under a new waiver. Will enable eligible medical assistance recipients to remain in home.
HB284	Companion SB215 passed	4/19/10	Pioneers Home RX Drug Benefit	Rep. Gara	Requires the Department of Health and Social Services to accept federal prescription drug benefits or to provide comparable benefits for residents of the Alaska Pioneers' Home
HB335 Companion SB276	Never Heard	4/19/10	Physician Shortages: Grants	Rep. Gara	Establishes a program and account for grants to support access to Medicare and primary health care services in shortage areas.

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SB10	Passed! On to Governor	4/19/10	Medicaid/Ins for Cancer Clinical Trials	Sen. Davis	Requires health care insurers to provide insurance coverage for medical care received by a patient during certain approved clinical trials designed to test and improve prevention, diagnosis, treatment, or palliation of cancer; directing the Department of Health and Social Services to provide Medicaid services to persons who participate in those clinical trials; relating to experimental procedures under a state plan offered by the Comprehensive Health Insurance Association.
SB12	Died. Companion HB50 passed	4/19/10	Limit Mandatory Overtime for Registered Nurses (RN's)	Sen. Davis - Also introduced last session	Limits number of overtime hours RN's and LPN's can be expected to work by employer or that they can accept. Provides information on enforcement, offenses and penalties.
SB 13	Passed! On to Governor	4/19/10	Medical Assistance Eligibility - Denali Kid Care	Sen. Davis - same as last session	Raises the eligibility limit for Denali KidCare for children and pregnant women from 175% of the federal poverty level to 200%.
SB 21	Never Heard	4/19/10	Mental Health Care Insurance Benefit	Sen. Davis - same as last session	Requires health care insurers to provide coverage for treatment of mental illness and alcoholism, and requires parity between health care insurance coverage for mental health, alcoholism, and substance abuse benefits and other medical care benefits. Defines "medical care" in the state's insurance statutes to include mental health care or care for an alcoholism for substance abuse disorder.
SB87	Died - Companion SB13 passed	4/19/10	Medical Assistance Eligibility - Denali Kid Care	Sen. Wielechowski	Raises the eligibility limit for Denali KidCare for children and pregnant women from 175% federal poverty guidelines to 200%. For families from 200 - 300% there is a sliding scale payment.
SB 139 Companion HB392	Passed Senate died in House FIN	4/19/10	Incentives for Certain Medical Providers	Sen. Olson	Establishes a loan repayment program and employment incentive program for certain health care professionals employed in the state
SB 172	Passed! On to Governor	4/19/10	Alaska Health Care Commission	Sen. Olson	Establishes the Alaska Health Care Commission in the Department of Health and Social Services
SB 174	Passed Senate died in House FIN	4/19/10	Professional Student Exchange Loan Forgiveness	Sen. Menard	Establishes the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education to provide adequate funding for not fewer than five students to attend four-year programs in each of the following fields: dentistry; occupational therapy; optometry; physician assistance; podiatry; and pharmacy.

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SB 215	Passed Senate, House on to Governor	4/19/10	Pioneers Home RX Drug Benefit	Sen. Wielechowski	Requires the Department of Health and Social Services to accept federal prescription drug benefits or to provide comparable benefits for residents of the Alaska Pioneers' Home
SB 219	Passed - on to Governor	4/19/10	Traumatic Brain Injury: Program/Medicaid	Sen. McGuire	Establishes a traumatic brain injury program and registry within the Department of Health and Social Services. "Traumatic brain, injury" means a sudden insult or damage to the brain or its coverings, not of a degenerative or congenital nature: and relating to medical assistance coverage for traumatic brain injury services
SB296	Never Heard	4/19/10	Long Term Care Insurance	Sen. McGuire	Makes changes to statutory requirements applying to long-term care insurance. Establishes a state-run long term care insurance program to which people may use the DOR check off system to contribute all or part of their PFD.
Finance, Property Tax					
HB16	Never Heard	4/19/10	Municipal Property Tax Exemption	Rep. Neuman	Raises the amount exempt from taxation to the first \$250,000 (currently \$150,000) of the assessed value of the real property.
HB10 now SCR5	Passed House and Senate requested return from House	4/19/10	Municipal Property Tax Exemption	Rep. Gruenberg	Allows a borough to charge a city a fee for costs of collecting a tax that is not also levied by a majority of the cities in the borough or levied by the borough on an area wide basis.
SB120	Passed CRA died in FIN	4/19/10	Municipal Property Tax Exemption	Sen. Thomas	Relating to an optional exemption from municipal property taxes for residential property. A municipality may exclude or exempt or partially exempt residential property from taxation by ordinance ratified by the voters at an election. An exclusion or exemption authorized by this subsection may be applied with respect to taxes levied in a service area to fund the special services. An exclusion or exemption authorized by this subsection may not exceed the assessed value of \$100,000 (formerly \$20,000), for any one residence.
SB 201	Never Heard	4/19/10	Municipal Property Tax Exemption	Sen. Menard & Sen. Huggins	Relating to the municipal property tax exemption on residences of certain seniors and others. Raises the exception from 150,000 to 200,000
SB276 Companion HB335	Never Heard	4/19/10	Physician Shortages: Grants	Sen. French	Establishes a program and account for grants to support access to Medicare and primary health care services in shortage areas.

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Employment, Retirement					
HB56	Never Heard	4/19/10	Student Loan Forgiveness	Rep. Kerttula	Establishes a program to forgive up to 50% of Alaska educational loans plus interest for students who remain in Alaska after completing the course of study for which the loan is granted. Forgiveness is on a sliding scale depending on the length of consecutive years of residency in Alaska, and is dependent on legislative funding.
HB 30	Never Heard	4/19/10	Repeal Defined Contribution Retirement Plans	Rep. Harris, Hawker, Munoz	Repeals the defined contribution (Tier 4) retirement plans for teachers and for public employees.
SB23	Passed L&C & STA died in FIN	4/19/10	Repeal Defined Contribution Retirement Plans	Sen. Elton	Repeals the defined contribution (Tier 4) retirement plans for teachers and for public employees.
Other					
HB 3	Pass STA and FIN onto rules 2x on floor did not pass	4/19/10	Issuance of Driver's License/I.D.	Rep. Lynn	Relates to identification cards; for people 60 years of age and older, adds an expiration date every eight years.
HB9	Passed JUD died in FIN	4/19/10	Capital Punishment	Rep. Chenault	Relates to murder; authorizing capital punishment, classifying murder in the first degree as a capital felony.
HB 278	Never Heard	4/19/10	Energy Efficient Home Grant Fund	Rep. Tuck	Relates to the administration of the Alaska energy efficient home grant fund by the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation
HB370	Never Heard	4/19/10	Prescription Drug Discounts	Rep. Guttenberg	Prohibits "covered facilities," which would include most health care facilities that receive any federal money, from purchasing prescription drugs at prices higher than set under a federally-authorized drug discount pricing plan; directs HSS to study whether participation in such a plan should be made mandatory.
HB371	Never Heard	4/19/10	Prescriptions and Generic Drugs	Rep. Guttenberg	This bill requires pharmacists to substitute generic and therapeutically equivalent drugs approved by HSS as most cost effective unless a prescription indicates it must be dispensed as written. Provisions do not apply to a hospital or other institution that has established a formulary system. Requires HSS to approve and maintain a list of prescription drugs with more cost effective and therapeutically equivalent generics than their brand-name equivalents.
HB374	Never Heard	4/19/10	Alaska Prescription Drug Task Force	Rep. Guttenberg	Creates a prescription drug task force in HSS to consider strategies for managing the increasing costs and to increasing affordability of prescription drugs.

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HB392	Never Heard	4/19/10	Incentives for Certain Medical Providers	Rep. Herron	Bill creates the health care professions loan repayment and incentive program to increase the number of distribution of health care professionals providing direct patient care in Alaska. HB 392 contains all bill sections in CSSB 139 and a new section that limits the bill to 90 participants a year and directs the commissioner to provide direct incentive payments and loan repayments, or both, to each of the 10 types of tier I and tier II health care professionals in a prescribed manner.
SB91	Never Heard	4/19/10	Emergency Energy Relief Program	Finance Committee	Relates to the emergency energy relief program of the Alaska Energy Authority
SB92	Passed STA, JUD died in FIN	4/19/10	U.S. Presidential Election Compact	Sen. Davis	Ratifies an interstate compact to elect the President and Vice-President of the United States by national popular vote
SB171	Passed! On to Governor	4/19/10	Permanent Fund Dividend for Deceased	Sen. Meyer	Relates to the permanent fund dividend of an otherwise qualified individual who dies during the qualifying year
HCR9	Never Heard	4/19/10	Home Health Aides for Seniors	Rep. Cissna	Relating to home health services for older Alaskans and adults with disabilities
HJR2	Passed STA, JUD died in FIN	4/19/10	Constitutional amendment to have gender-neutral references	Rep. Gatto, Rep. Gruenberg	Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska to avoid the use of personal pronouns and similar references that denote masculine or feminine gender in that document.
HJR35	Passed HSS, JUD, FIN, floor engrossed Y15 N23	4/19/10	Amendment to the Constitution regarding health care	Rep. Kelly, Rep. Keller, Rep. P. Wilson, Rep. Gatto	Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska prohibiting passage of laws that interfere with direct payments for health care services and the right to purchase health care insurance from a privately owned company, and that compel a person to participate in a health care system.
SCR13	Passed Senate and House onto Governor!	4/19/10	Supporting Senior Caregivers	Sen. Bunde	Supporting senior caregivers and encouraging the Department of Health and Social Services to provide additional education on the effects of aging and the importance of senior caregivers.
SJR1	Never Heard	4/19/10	Limiting Terms of State Legislators in the Alaska Constitution	Sen. Menard	No person who has served as a representative for four full or partial successive terms shall again be eligible to hold that office until one full term has intervened. No person who has served as a senator for two full or partial successive terms shall again be eligible to hold that office until one full term has intervened