
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 346, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to Part II to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§346- Chronic kidney disease; evaluation;
5 classification; criteria; health care coverage. (a) Any
6 Medicaid enrollee who is eligible for health care services, and
7 has a diagnosis of diabetes or hypertension or has a family
8 history of kidney disease, shall be evaluated for kidney disease
9 through routine clinical laboratory assessments of kidney
10 function.

11 (b) Any Medicaid enrollee who is eligible for health care
12 services and has been diagnosed with diabetes or hypertension or
13 has a family history of kidney disease, and has received a
14 diagnosis of kidney disease, shall be classified as a chronic
15 kidney patient.

16 (c) The diagnostic criteria which define chronic kidney
17 disease shall be generally recognized clinical practice
18 guidelines, which identify chronic kidney disease or its



1 complications based on the presence of kidney damage and level
2 of kidney function.

3 (d) In keeping with the department of health and the
4 Medicaid disease management program, patients receiving Medicaid
5 benefits who are at risk for chronic kidney disease shall be
6 tracked according to appropriate diagnostic testing. Medicaid
7 providers will be educated and disease management strategies
8 implemented in order to increase the rate of evaluation and
9 treatment for chronic kidney disease according to accepted
10 practice guidelines including:

11 (1) Managing risk factors, which prolong kidney function
12 or delay progression to kidney replacement therapy;

13 (2) Managing risk factors for bone disease and
14 cardiovascular disease associated with chronic kidney
15 disease;

16 (3) Improving nutritional status of chronic kidney disease
17 patients; and

18 (4) Correcting anemia associated with chronic kidney
19 disease."

20 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: 

By Request



Report Title:

Chronic Kidney Disease; Medicaid; Healthcare; Evaluation

Description:

Establishes guidelines for evaluation and diagnosis of Medicaid recipients who have been diagnosed with diabetes or hypertension or have a family history of kidney disease and are at risk for chronic kidney disease.

