
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO ELIMINATE THE CONCEPT OF POSITIVE ENROLLMENT FROM THE RECENTLY ISSUED QUEST REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL.

1 WHEREAS, on March 13, 2006, the Department of Human
2 Services issued a Request for Proposal regarding the QUEST
3 program; and

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5 WHEREAS, section 30.500 of the Request for Proposal
6 requires positive enrollment for all current QUEST
7 beneficiaries, to occur between August 1 and August 20, 2006;
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10 WHEREAS, "positive enrollment" would require all 165,000
11 QUEST beneficiaries to select a QUEST plan and a Primary Care
12 Provider; and

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14 WHEREAS, current QUEST beneficiaries have already selected
15 a QUEST plan and Primary Care Provider; and

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17 WHEREAS, requiring these vulnerable populations to comply
18 with the positive enrollment requirements may cause confusion,
19 delay needed health care procedures, disrupt case management, or
20 result in the loss of contact between patients and their current
21 Primary Care Providers;

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23 WHEREAS, positive enrollment will place additional costs
24 and administrative burdens on QUEST providers; now, therefore,

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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the
28 House of Representatives concurring, that the Director of Human
29 Services is urged to amend the Department's March 13, 2006
30 Request for Proposal to remove the positive enrollment
31 requirement relating to the QUEST program and to reinstate the
32 plan change period provision, by which QUEST beneficiaries are



1 given the option to change plans prior to the beginning of the
2 new contract period; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Human Services
5 is requested to report actions taken in response to this
6 Concurrent Resolution to the Legislature no later than
7 May 1, 2006; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
10 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Human
11 Services.

