
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature has made it a priority to find
2 solutions to Hawaii's predicted long-term care crisis based on
3 the state's rapidly aging population. Many families in Hawaii
4 choose to care for elderly or disabled family members in their
5 homes rather than in a facility. However, in-home care does not
6 allow the same financing options through Medicaid as licensed
7 nursing facilities. Additionally, the medical needs of the
8 person being cared for may change, thereby requiring a different
9 type of care.

10 It is the legislature's intent to promote independence and
11 choice by allowing individuals, who are eligible under Medicaid
12 to receive nursing facility care, to receive the full spectrum
13 of service options available, including:

- 14 (1) Admittance to a nursing facility;
- 15 (2) The option to remain in the individual's community and
16 receive home- and community-based long-term care,
17 support, and services; and



1 (3) The option to relocate from a nursing facility back to
2 the individual's community and to receive home- and
3 community-based long-term care, support, and services.

4 SECTION 2. The department of human services shall apply to
5 the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to allow
6 persons who are eligible to receive medicaid funds for care at
7 nursing home facilities to remain at home and receive home- and
8 community-based long-term care; provided that the cost for the
9 home- and community-based services shall not exceed the total
10 expenditures that would have been incurred if the person
11 received facility-based long-term care, services, or support.

12 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.



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Report Title:

Long-term Care; Medicaid; Transfer of Funds; Federal Approval

Description:

Requires the Department of Human Services to apply to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to allow persons who are eligible to receive Medicaid funds for nursing home care to remain at home to receive care. (HB2062 CD1)

