
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES.

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 be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§346- **Chiropractic coverage under medical assistance**
5 **programs.** (a) For purposes of medical assistance programs,
6 including medicaid and QUEST under section 346-14(7),
7 chiropractic, as defined in section 442-1, administered by a
8 person licensed to practice chiropractic under section 442-2,
9 shall be covered; provided that:

10 (1) Chiropractic coverage under this section shall be
11 limited to twenty-four visits per calendar year; and

12 (2) The department may negotiate rates, or establish
13 payment and reimbursement rates, as appropriate.

14 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the
15 department shall make appropriate adjustments to the rate of
16 payment per participating recipient amount paid to health
17 maintenance organizations and prepaid health plans pursuant to
18 section 346-59(d), to allow for chiropractic coverage to QUEST



1 recipients for chiropractic, as defined in section 442-1,
 2 administered by a person licensed to practice chiropractic under
 3 section 442-2. Health maintenance organizations and prepaid
 4 health plans shall not be required to increase coverage to QUEST
 5 recipients for chiropractic coverage administered to QUEST
 6 recipients for chiropractic, as defined in section 442-1,
 7 administered by a person licensed to practice chiropractic under
 8 section 442-2, until the department makes adjustments to the
 9 rate of payment per participating recipient amounts."

10 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
 11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,000,000 or so much
 12 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for the
 13 purposes of section 1 of this Act.

14 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
 15 human services for the purposes of section 1 of this Act.

16 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2009;
 18 provided that section 2 shall take effect on July 1, 2008.

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Report Title:

Chiropractic Care; Med-Quest; Medicaid

Description:

Requires Med-QUEST and Medicaid coverage for chiropractic care limited to 24 visits per calendar year. Requires department of human services to pass funding on to QUEST plans to implement the services. Appropriates funds.

