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# 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 on amounts 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 services as required by this  
2 section. Health maintenance organizations and prepaid health  
3 plans shall not be required to increase coverage to QUEST  
4 recipients for chiropractic coverage administered to QUEST  
5 recipients until the department makes adjustments to the rate of  
6 payment per participating recipient amounts."

7 SECTION 2. The department of human services shall submit a  
8 request to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to  
9 amend the state medicaid plan to add chiropractic services as a  
10 benefit as provided in section 1 of this Act, to allow the state  
11 to receive federal reimbursement. The department of human  
12 services shall report to the legislature upon receiving a  
13 response from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on  
14 the requested amendment to the state medicaid plan.

15 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,000,000 or so much  
17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for the  
18 purposes of section 1 of this Act.

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

21 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

- 1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2009;
- 2 provided that section 3 shall take effect on July 1, 2008.



**Report Title:**

Chiropractic Care; Med-Quest; Medicaid

**Description:**

Requires Med-QUEST and Medicaid coverage for chiropractic care limited to 24 visits per calendar year. Appropriates funds.  
(HB3231 HD1)

