
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MEDICAID.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that, with the approval
2 by the federal Food and Drug Administration of the emergency
3 contraception tablet, Plan B, for over-the-counter sales without
4 a prescription, women who are recipients of medicaid will now
5 have to pay for the medication if they need it. This
6 development is extremely counterproductive because the female
7 medicaid population is at high risk for unplanned pregnancies,
8 and it is precisely this population group that may need to
9 choose between paying for emergency contraception to prevent
10 unplanned pregnancies and paying for necessities of life such as
11 food and rent. A single Plan B dose actually consists of two
12 tablets that can be taken in a single dose, which costs up to
13 \$45 or more per dose.

14 The purpose of this Act is to provide access to emergency
15 contraception for all women, including women who are medicaid
16 recipients. This Act requires the department of human services
17 to directly reimburse sellers of over-the-counter Plan B
18 emergency contraception to women who are recipients of medicaid,



1 without incurring out-of-pocket expenses for recipients, who
2 purchase such medication.

3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 and the
6 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
7 2008-2009 for the department of human services to directly
8 reimburse the sellers of over-the-counter Plan B emergency
9 contraception to women who are recipients of medicaid, without
10 incurring out-of-pocket expenses for recipients, who purchase
11 such medication. The department of human services shall adopt
12 rules in accordance with chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to
13 implement the reimbursement procedure.

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

16 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



Report Title:

OTC Emergency Contraception; Pay for Women Medicaid Recipients

Description:

Requires department of human services to directly reimburse sellers of over-the-counter Plan B emergency contraception to women who are recipients of medicaid, without incurring expenses for recipients, who purchase such medication. Appropriations. (HB456 HD1)

