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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 group that may need to choose between
9 paying for emergency contraception to prevent unplanned
10 pregnancies and paying for necessities of life such as food and
11 rent. A single Plan B dose actually consists of two tablets
12 that can be taken in a single dose, which costs up to \$45 or
13 more per dose.

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



1 are recipients of medicaid, without incurring out-of-pocket
2 expenses for recipients, who 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 upon its approval,
17 except that section 2 shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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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.

