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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 346-59.9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "[+]§346-59.9[+] Psychotropic medication. (a) The  
4 department shall not impose any restriction or limitation on the  
5 coverage for, or a recipient's access to, psychotropic  
6 medication; provided that the psychotropic medication shall be  
7 prescribed by a [~~licensed~~] psychiatrist [~~or by a~~], physician, or  
8 advanced practice registered nurse duly licensed in the State.

9 (b) The department shall report to the legislature no  
10 later than twenty days before the convening of each regular  
11 session on:

12 (1) The number of prescriptions written pursuant to this  
13 section;

14 (2) The cost and impact of psychiatrists, physicians, or  
15 advanced practice nurses prescribing medications  
16 pursuant to this section that are not part of the  
17 existing formulary; and





1           2. By amending sections 4 and 5 to read:  
2           "SECTION ~~[4.]~~ 3. New statutory material is underscored.  
3           SECTION ~~[5.]~~ 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1,  
4 2005 [~~, and shall be repealed as it applies to QUEST plans only,~~  
5 ~~on June 30, 2008]~~."  
6           SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.  
8           SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



**Report Title:**

Psychotropic Medications; Advanced Practice Registered Nurses

**Description:**

Adds advanced practice registered nurses to the list of persons who must prescribe the psychotropic medication that the department of human services may not restrict or limit coverage for under section 346-59.9, HRS. (SD1)

