

JAN 18 2008

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO POSTPARTUM DEPRESSION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and
3 to read as follows:

4 **"PART . POSTPARTUM DEPRESSION SCREENING**

5 **§321- Postpartum depression screening.** (a) The
6 department shall:

- 7 (1) Adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 to ensure that all
8 postpartum patients are screened for symptoms of
9 postpartum depression prior to discharge from a health
10 care facility and at the first postnatal check-up with
11 the postpartum patient's health care provider;
- 12 (2) Determine the postpartum depression screening
13 methodology to be used; and
- 14 (3) Provide educational materials to postpartum patients
15 and their family members, as appropriate, on
16 postpartum depression, including the symptoms, any
17 available support groups, and treatment resources.



1 (b) Every person in charge of a health care facility
2 caring for a pregnant woman and every health care provider
3 permitted by law to attend a pregnant woman during the period of
4 gestation or at delivery shall ensure that a postpartum patient
5 under the care of the health care facility is screened for
6 postpartum depression symptoms prior to discharge from the
7 health care facility and at the first postnatal check-up.

8 (c) As used in this section:

9 "Health care facility" means an institution, facility, or
10 agency with an organized medical staff regulated under section
11 321-11(10) or under chapter 323F.

12 "Health care provider" means a person who is licensed,
13 certified, or otherwise authorized or permitted by law to
14 administer health care in the ordinary course of business or
15 practice of a profession."

16 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Postnatal Care; Postpartum Depression Screening

Description:

Requires that every postpartum patient be screened for postpartum depression symptoms prior to discharge and at the first postnatal check-up.

