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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH.

**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 part II to be appropriately  
3 designated and to read as follows:

4           "§346-       Psychiatric services; reimbursement rate. (a)  
5 Beginning July 1, 2007, the reimbursement rate for psychiatric  
6 services shall be           per cent of the medicare fee schedule;  
7 provided that in any county with a population of 200,000 or  
8 less, the reimbursement rate for psychiatric services shall be  
9           per cent of the medicare fee schedule.

10           (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the  
11 department shall make appropriate adjustments to the rate of  
12 payment per participating recipient amount paid to health  
13 maintenance organizations and prepaid health plans pursuant to  
14 section 346-59(d), to allow for the increase in reimbursement  
15 rates for psychiatric services. Health maintenance  
16 organizations and prepaid health plans shall not be required to  
17 increase reimbursement rates for psychiatric services until the



1 department makes adjustments to the rate of payment per  
2 participating recipient amounts."

3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ , or so  
5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and  
6 the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
7 year 2008-2009, for the medicaid program to cover the  
8 reimbursement rate increase provided for in section 1 of this  
9 Act.

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

12 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.



**Report Title:**

Medicaid; Reimbursement Rate

**Description:**

Increases the reimbursement rate for medicaid and QUEST psychiatric services according to county population; appropriates funds for the reimbursement rate increase. (SD1)

