
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A FINANCIAL AND MANAGEMENT
AUDIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES MEDICAID-
SPONSORED PROGRAMS.

1 WHEREAS, in 1965, the United States Congress established
2 Medicaid as a jointly funded state and federal program that
3 provides medical assistance to low-income individuals who
4 qualify under Title XIX of the Social Security Act; and
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6 WHEREAS, within a general statutory framework, each state
7 creates and administers its own Medicaid program; and
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9 WHEREAS, in the State of Hawaii, the Med-QUEST Division of
10 the Department of Human Services administers the Medicaid
11 program; and
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13 WHEREAS, the Med-QUEST Division oversees a number of
14 programs that provide coverage for certain medical, mental
15 health, and dental services for qualified children and adults
16 including Medicaid Fee-For-Service, Hawaii QUEST, QUEST-Net, and
17 QUEST Adult Coverage Expansion; and
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19 WHEREAS, the various Med-QUEST programs are financed
20 through the State and the Federal Centers for Medicare and
21 Medicaid Services; and
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23 WHEREAS, in 2007, Med-QUEST programs enrolled over 200,000
24 Hawaii residents; and
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26 WHEREAS, the most vulnerable in our communities can depend
27 on Medicaid to provide essential and emergent medical
28 assistance, and the program's continued financial viability is
29 vital to ensure continued access to needed services; and
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31 WHEREAS, a financial and management audit of the Department
32 of Human Services Medicaid-sponsored programs would enhance



1 public awareness of the programs' budgets and spending, thereby
2 increasing transparency and accountability; now, therefore,
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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the
6 House of Representatives concurring, that the Auditor is
7 requested to conduct a financial and management audit of
8 Department of Human Services Medicaid-sponsored programs, with
9 particular emphasis on QUEST, QUEST-Net, QUEST-ACE (Adult
10 Coverage Expansion), and QUEST Expanded Access (QExA), to
11 identify any areas of concern regarding, but not limited to, fee
12 schedules, rates of federal reimbursement, financial shortfalls,
13 program delivery and implementation, and the recent QUEST
14 Expanded Access for the Aged, Blind, and Disabled Request for
15 Proposals; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Human
18 Services is requested to cooperate with and assist the Auditor
19 in the performance of this audit; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
22 submit a report of any audit findings and recommendations,
23 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
24 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
25 of 2009; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
28 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to Governor, the Director
29 of Human Services, the Administrator of the Med-QUEST Division,
30 and the Auditor.

