
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.

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- Medical assistance; noncitizens. (a) The
5 department shall provide covered noncitizens with medical
6 assistance free of charge for the following services:

7 (1) Dialysis and chemotherapy that is medically necessary,
8 as that term is defined in section 432E-1.4;

9 (2) At least ten physician inpatient and twelve physician
10 outpatient visits for each benefit year. Medical
11 assistance under this paragraph shall not include
12 visits for dialysis or chemotherapy treatments under
13 paragraph (1); and

14 (3) At least eight drug prescriptions per month;
15 provided that medical assistance shall not be provided if the
16 benefits mandated under this section are replaced by benefits
17 provided under federal law.



1 (b) For the purposes of this section, "covered noncitizen"
2 means a legal, permanent resident of Hawaii, age nineteen or
3 older, who:

4 (1) Is not a United States citizen;

5 (2) Entered the United States on or after August 22, 1996;

6 (3) Would, as a citizen of the United States, be eligible
7 for benefits under the State's medicaid programs,
8 including QUEST; and

9 (4) Is not eligible for federally funded medical
10 assistance due to restricted eligibility rules imposed
11 by Title XXI of the Social Security Act, the Personal
12 Responsibility and Work Reconciliation Act of 1996, or
13 the Compact of Free Association Act of 1985, P.L. 99-
14 239, the Compact of Free Association between the
15 United States and the Government of Palau, P.L. 99-
16 658, or any other provision of federal law denying
17 medical assistance to nonimmigrants who are citizens
18 of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of
19 Micronesia, or Palau."

20 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2010-2011 for
2 medical assistance for covered noncitizens.

3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
4 human services for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2011;
7 provided that section 2 of this Act shall take effect on July 1,
8 2010.

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Report Title:

Medical Assistance; Noncitizens; Pacific Islanders

Description:

Requires the Department of Human Services to provide medical assistance for dialysis, chemotherapy, inpatient and outpatient physician visits, and drug prescriptions for immigrants and noncitizens from the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, or Palau.

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