
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES.

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 be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§346- Chiropractic coverage under medical assistance
5 programs. (a) For purposes of medical assistance programs,
6 including medicaid and QUEST under section 346-14(7),
7 chiropractic, as defined in section 442-1, administered by a
8 person licensed to practice chiropractic under section 442-2,
9 shall be covered; provided that:

10 (1) Chiropractic coverage under this section shall be
11 limited to twenty-four visits per calendar year; and

12 (2) The department may negotiate rates, or establish
13 payment and reimbursement rates, as appropriate.

14 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the
15 department shall make appropriate adjustments to the rate of
16 payment per participating recipient on amounts paid to health
17 maintenance organizations and prepaid health plans pursuant to
18 section 346-59(d), to allow QUEST recipients to receive coverage



1 for chiropractic services as required by this section. Health
2 maintenance organizations and prepaid health plans shall not be
3 required to extend chiropractic coverage to QUEST recipients
4 until the department makes adjustments to the rate of payment
5 per participating recipient."

6 SECTION 2. The department of human services shall submit a
7 request to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to
8 amend the state medicaid plan to add chiropractic services as a
9 benefit as provided in section 1 of this Act, to allow the State
10 to receive federal reimbursement. The department of human
11 services shall report to the legislature upon receiving a
12 response from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on
13 the requested amendment to the state medicaid plan.

14 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,000,000 or so much
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010 and the
17 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
18 2010-2011 for the purposes of section 1 of this Act.

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

21 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2010;
2 provided that section 3 shall take effect on July 1, 2009.



Report Title:

Chiropractic Care; Med-Quest; Medicaid

Description:

Requires Med-QUEST and Medicaid coverage for chiropractic care limited to 24 visits per calendar year. Appropriates funds.
(HB824 HD1)

