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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTHCARE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the QUEST expanded
2 access program was established to provide aged, blind, or
3 disabled medicaid recipients with coordinated case management,
4 improved access to healthcare, and a better quality of services.
5 However, the companies with whom the department of human
6 services contracted to provide such expanded access services are
7 unable to offer the culturally-aware, community-based care that
8 is the hallmark of local medical homes. The companies have also
9 failed to contract with geographically diverse primary care
10 providers, adding another obstacle to accessing service for
11 patients located in underserved locations.

12 The legislature further finds that two medical homes
13 located on Oahu, Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center and
14 the Waimanalo Health Center, provide cultural, community-based
15 services, including integrated behavioral services, which are
16 vital to the populations they serve. These medical homes are
17 uniquely situated to provide services to the patient populations



1 in their geographic area based on their integration with and
2 dedication to their respective communities. The Waianae Coast
3 Comprehensive Health Center and the Waimanalo Health Center
4 benefit not only their patients, but the communities in which
5 they are situated, as well. For example, the Waianae Coast
6 Comprehensive Health Center is the largest employer on the
7 Waianae Coast, and serves as an economic engine in this
8 low-income area.

9 Additionally, the legislature finds that allowing QUEST
10 expanded access recipients to opt out of QUEST and select an
11 alternative service plan will save the State money, expand the
12 geographic distribution of primary care providers, promote
13 community-based medical home models, and allow for state money
14 to remain and be reinvested in Hawaii. Giving patients a choice
15 of plans will also give the State the opportunity to compare the
16 quality, costs, and benefits of healthcare services offered by
17 different providers.

18 The purpose of this Act is to require the department of
19 human services to allow QUEST expanded access recipients the
20 choice to opt out of the QUEST plan and receive services through
21 AlohaCare from medical homes located in Waimanalo and Waianae.



1 SECTION 2. (a) There is established the medical home
2 health care program to offer healthcare services to QUEST
3 expanded access recipients who desire to receive services from
4 Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center or the Waimanalo
5 Health Center. Under this program:

- 6 (1) Patients enrolled in QUEST expanded access shall be
7 offered the opportunity to opt out of the QUEST
8 expanded access program and receive services from
9 either the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center
10 or the Waimanalo Health Center through the AlohaCare
11 health plan;
- 12 (2) The department of human services shall be required to
13 offer AlohaCare a contract to manage the care of these
14 patients at a capitation rate of one per cent below
15 the rate paid to the lowest bidder for the 2007 QUEST
16 expanded access program request for proposals;
- 17 (3) AlohaCare plan service providers shall offer all
18 services offered by QUEST expanded access plans as
19 provided in paragraph (1) and shall produce evidence
20 of a provider network sufficient to deliver all
21 services to the legislature no later than July 1,
22 2009;



1 (4) In addition to the requirements described in
2 paragraph (3), medical homes providing services under
3 AlohaCare shall provide community participation
4 opportunities, job training services, services
5 required of federally qualified health centers, and
6 traditional Hawaiian healing services; and

7 (5) A pay-for-performance component shall be established
8 to give the medical homes financial incentives to seek
9 measurable improvements in the health of their patient
10 populations.

11 (b) The department of human services shall reimburse
12 AlohaCare for the provision of services to patients formerly
13 enrolled in the QUEST expanded access program who have chosen to
14 opt out of the program in favor of receiving services from the
15 Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center or the Waimanalo
16 Health Center through AlohaCare.

17 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
19 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010 to
20 allow QUEST expanded access recipients the choice of health
21 plans and service providers as provided in this Act.



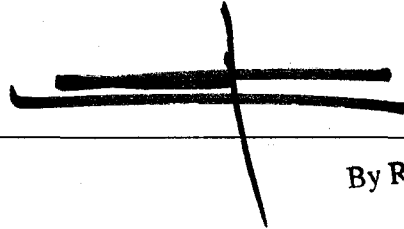
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1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
2 human services for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
4 provided that section 3 shall take effect upon July 1, 2009.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____



By Request



Report Title:

QUEST Expanded Access; Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center; Waimanalo Health Center; Medical Home Health Care Program; AlohaCare; Appropriation

Description:

Allows patients enrolled in QUEST Expanded Access to receive services through an alternative provider at a community-based medical home. Makes an appropriation.

