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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE.

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

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 431, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to article 10A to be  
3 appropriately designated and to read as follows:  
4           "§431:10A- Colon cancer screening coverage. (a) Each  
5 policy of accident and health or sickness insurance providing  
6 coverage for health care, except for policies that only provide  
7 coverage for specified diseases or other limited benefit  
8 coverage, shall provide coverage for colorectal-cancer screening  
9 by all A and B grade screening modalities as recommended by the  
10 United States Preventive Services Task Force.

11           (b) Beginning March 1, 2011, all health insurance  
12 providers in Hawaii shall inform their insured about the risk  
13 associated with undiagnosed colorectal-cancer and encourage the  
14 insured to consult with the insured's physician about available  
15 screening options."



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 432, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to part VI of article 1 to be  
3 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

4 "**§432:1- Colon cancer screening coverage.** (a) All  
5 individual and group hospital and medical service contracts  
6 providing health care coverage shall provide coverage for  
7 colorectal-cancer screening by all A and B grade screening  
8 modalities as recommended by the United States Preventive  
9 Services Task Force.

10 (b) Beginning March 1, 2011, all health insurance  
11 providers in Hawaii shall inform their insured of the risk  
12 associated with undiagnosed colorectal cancer and encourage the  
13 insured to consult with the insured's physician about available  
14 screening options."

15 SECTION 3. Section 432D-23, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
16 amended to read as follows:

17 "**§432D-23 Required provisions and benefits.**

18 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, each  
19 policy, contract, plan, or agreement issued in the [State] state  
20 after January 1, 1995, by health maintenance organizations  
21 pursuant to this chapter, shall include benefits provided in  
22 sections 431:10-212, 431:10A-115, 431:10A-115.5, 431:10A-116,



1 431:10A-116.5, 431:10A-116.6, 431:10A-119, 431:10A-120, 431:10A-  
2 121, 431:10A-125, [~~and~~] 431:10A-126, and 431:10A- , and  
3 chapter 431M."

4 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2050,  
7 and shall apply to policies, contracts, and plans of health  
8 insurance issued or renewed after January 1, 2011.



**Report Title:**

Mandatory Health Insurance Coverage; Colonoscopy

**Description:**

Mandates health insurance coverage for colorectal-cancer screening based on the recommendations of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force. Requires health insurance providers in Hawaii to provide their insured with information about the risks of undiagnosed colorectal-cancer and encourage their insured to consult with their physician about screening options. Effective January 1, 2050. (SB2599 HD2)

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