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# 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 for the following services:

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

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

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



- 1           (b) As used in this section, "covered noncitizen" means a  
 2 legal resident of Hawaii, age nineteen or older, who:
- 3           (1) Is not a United States citizen;  
 4           (2) Is a legal permanent resident who arrived on or after  
 5           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 Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated  
 19           States of Micronesia, or the Republic of 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, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Medical Assistance; Noncitizens; Pacific Islanders

**Description:**

Requires the Department of Human Services to provide medical assistance for dialysis, chemotherapy and other cancer treatments, inpatient and outpatient physician visits, and drug prescriptions for immigrants and noncitizens from the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, or the Republic of Palau. Takes effect January 1, 2050. (HB2467 HD1)

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