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# 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 the department may negotiate  
10 rates, or establish payment and reimbursement rates, as  
11 appropriate.

12           (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the  
13 department shall make appropriate adjustments to the rate of  
14 payment per participating recipient paid to health maintenance  
15 organizations and prepaid health plans pursuant to section  
16 346-59(d), to allow QUEST recipients to receive coverage for  
17 chiropractic as required by this section. Health maintenance  
18 organizations and prepaid health plans shall not be required to



1 extend chiropractic coverage to QUEST recipients until the  
2 department adjusts the rate of payment per participating  
3 recipient."

4 SECTION 2. The department of human services shall submit a  
5 request to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to  
6 amend the state medicaid plan to add chiropractic services as a  
7 benefit as provided in section 1 of this Act, to allow the State  
8 to receive federal reimbursement. Upon approval of the  
9 amendment, the department of human services shall request  
10 funding from the legislature, if necessary, to implement the  
11 provisions of section 1 of this Act.

12 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009, and  
14 shall be repealed on January 1, 2012, except that section 1 of  
15 this Act shall not be implemented until the department of human  
16 services receives approval from the Centers for Medicare and  
17 Medicaid Services to amend the state medicaid plan as provided  
18 under section 2 of this Act.

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**Report Title:**

Chiropractic Care; Med-Quest; Medicaid

**Description:**

Requires Med-QUEST and Medicaid coverage for chiropractic care upon receiving federal approval.

