
SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR LOCAL ACCOUNTABILITY OF DRUG FORMULARIES
AND DRUG PRIOR AUTHORIZATION POLICIES.

1 WHEREAS, some Hawaii insurance plans are now outsourcing
2 determination of drug formularies and drug prior authorization
3 policies to out-of-state pharmacy benefit managers; and
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5 WHEREAS, many of these policies are unreasonable and
6 administratively burdensome for doctors, pharmacies, and
7 patients; and
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9 WHEREAS, out-of-state pharmacy benefit managers typically
10 have no accountability to Hawaii physicians, pharmacists, and
11 patients for the adverse effects of their policies; and
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13 WHEREAS, the severe administrative burdens of unreasonable
14 pharmacy policies are driving Hawaii physicians to limit
15 acceptance of health insurance plans with such policies, which
16 often affects patient access to appropriate care; now,
17 therefore,
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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
20 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010,
21 that the Legislature supports the maintenance of locally-based
22 pharmacy and therapeutics committees which are empowered to make
23 decisions on drug formulary and drug prior authorization
24 policies of all health insurance plans doing business in Hawaii,
25 including those under contract with Hawaii Med-QUEST. At least
26 two members of each committee should be representatives from the
27 Hawai'i Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund and an
28 additional seventy per cent of membership should be comprised of
29 Hawaii-licensed physicians and pharmacists who are actively
30 engaged in the practice of medicine or pharmacy within the
31 State; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Insurance Commissioner, EUTF
3 Board of Directors, and the Director of Commerce and Consumer
4 Affairs.

