
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 negatively affects patient access to appropriate care;
17 now, 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; provided
26 that at least two members of each committee be representatives
27 from the Hawai'i Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund (EUTF)
28 and an additional seventy per cent of the membership of each
29 committee comprise Hawaii-licensed physicians and pharmacists
30 who are actively engaged in the practice of medicine or pharmacy
31 within the State; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
34 Resolution be transmitted to the Insurance Commissioner, EUTF
35 Board of Directors, and the Director of Commerce and Consumer
36 Affairs.

