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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- Coverage for smoking cessation. (a) All
5 individual and group hospital and medical service contracts that
6 provide health care coverage shall provide coverage that
7 requires minimal or no co-payments for smoking cessation by the
8 following methods:

9 (1) Telephone and individual counseling and intervention
10 sessions;

11 (2) Prescription coverage for nicotine replacement
12 products and tobacco cessation medications approved by
13 the United States Food and Drug Administration; and

14 (3) Counseling and medication coverage for smoking
15 cessation attempts.

16 (b) Beginning March 1, 2012, policy information for every
17 policy of accident and health or sickness insurance issued in
18 this State shall include information about the risk associated



1 with smoking and tobacco usage and shall encourage the insured
2 to consult with the insured's physician about available smoking
3 and tobacco cessation options."

4 SECTION 2. Chapter 432, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended by adding a new section to article 1 to be appropriately
6 designated and to read as follows:

7 "§432:1- Coverage for smoking cessation. (a) All
8 mutual benefit societies that provide health care coverage shall
9 provide coverage that requires minimal or no co-payments for
10 smoking cessation by the following methods:

11 (1) Telephone and individual counseling and intervention
12 sessions;

13 (2) Prescription coverage for nicotine replacement
14 products and tobacco cessation medications approved by
15 the United States Food and Drug Administration; and

16 (3) Counseling and medication coverage for smoking
17 cessation attempts.

18 (b) Beginning March 1, 2012, policy information for every
19 policy of accident and health or sickness insurance issued in
20 this State shall include information about the risk associated
21 with smoking and tobacco usage and shall encourage the insured



1 to consult with the insured's physician about available smoking
2 and tobacco cessation options."

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

6 "§432:2- Coverage for smoking cessation. (a) All
7 fraternal benefit societies that provide health care coverage
8 shall provide coverage that requires minimal or no co-payments
9 for smoking cessation by the following methods:

10 (1) Telephone and individual counseling and intervention
11 sessions;

12 (2) Prescription coverage for nicotine replacement
13 products and tobacco cessation medications approved by
14 the United States Food and Drug Administration; and

15 (3) Counseling and medication coverage for smoking
16 cessation attempts.

17 (b) Beginning March 1, 2012, policy information for every
18 policy of accident and health or sickness insurance issued in
19 this State shall include information about the risk associated
20 with smoking and tobacco usage and shall encourage the insured
21 to consult with the insured's physician about available smoking
22 and tobacco cessation options."



1 SECTION 4. Section 432D-23, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "§432D-23 Required provisions and benefits.

4 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, each
5 policy, contract, plan, or agreement issued in the State after
6 January 1, 1995, by health maintenance organizations pursuant to
7 this chapter, shall include benefits provided in sections
8 431:10-212, 431:10A-115, 431:10A-115.5, 431:10A-116,
9 431:10A-116.5, 431:10A-116.6, 431:10A-119, 431:10A-120,
10 431:10A-121, 431:10A-125, 431:10A-126, [and] 431:10A-122, and
11 431:10A- , and chapter 431M."

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

14 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.

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Report Title:

Health Insurance; Smoking

Description:

Requires health insurers to provide coverage for specified types of smoking cessation methods.

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