
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INSURANCE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that rising health
2 insurance premium costs are detrimental to businesses in the
3 State during this period of slow economic recovery. Restricting
4 health insurance premium cost increases would assist businesses
5 in expanding or, at least, maintaining operation.

6 The purpose of this Act is to promote economic
7 revitalization through the temporary reform of the health
8 insurance medical loss ratio and rate regulation provisions of
9 the State's insurance code.

10 SECTION 2. Chapter 431, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended by adding a new section to article 14G to be
12 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

13 "§431:14G- Medical loss ratio for January 1, 2013, to
14 December 31, 2014. (a) For the purpose of this section:

15 "Health care quality improvement cost" means expenditures
16 for activities to improve health care quality that are subject
17 to reporting pursuant to section 2718(a)(2) of the Public Health
18 Service Act.



1 "Medical cost" means expenditures on reimbursement for
2 clinical services that are subject to reporting pursuant to
3 section 2718(a)(1) of the Public Health Service Act.

4 "Medical loss ratio" means the ratio of premium revenue
5 expended on medical and health care quality improvement cost to
6 total premium revenue after certain exclusions such as taxes, as
7 calculated in accordance with section 2718(b)(1)(A) of the
8 Public Health Service Act.

9 "Public Health Service Act" means the federal Public Health
10 Service Act, as amended.

11 (b) As authorized under section 2718(b)(1)(A)(i) and (ii)
12 of the Public Health Service Act, the State shall establish a
13 higher medical loss ratio for certain health insurance plans.

14 (c) This section shall apply to a managed care plan that
15 is:

16 (1) Offered by a mutual benefit society or health
17 maintenance organization not taxed under article 7,
18 part II; and

19 (2) Effective during a plan year, any part of which may
20 fall within the period from January 1, 2013, to
21 December 31, 2014.



1 The medical loss ratio for a managed care plan subject to
2 this section, whether offering group or individual coverage,
3 shall be ninety per cent; provided that the commissioner may
4 exempt a managed care plan from the State's higher medical loss
5 ratio established by this section if the managed care plan may
6 either become insolvent or become unable to deliver services
7 adequately to existing customers due to application of the
8 higher loss ratio.

9 (d) For a managed care plan not subject to subsection (c),
10 the medical loss ratio shall be that established under section
11 2718(b)(1)(A) of the Public Health Service Act."

12 SECTION 3. Section 431:14G-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
13 is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

14 "(a) Rates shall not be excessive, inadequate, or unfairly
15 discriminatory [~~and shall be reasonable in relation to the costs~~
16 ~~of the benefits~~]; provided[~~-~~] that, when reviewing proposed
17 rates, the filing for which is pending on January 1, 2013, or
18 submitted to the commissioner within the period from January 1,
19 2013, to December 31, 2014, the commissioner shall consider the
20 medical loss ratio applicable to the filer under section
21 431:14G- ."



1 SECTION 4. Section 431:14G-105, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
2 is amended by amending subsection (e) to read as follows:

3 "(e) Rates shall be established in accordance with this
4 article and actuarial principles, based on reasonable
5 assumptions, and supported by adequate supporting and
6 supplementary rating information. After reviewing a managed
7 care plan's filing, the commissioner may require that the
8 managed care plan's rates be based upon the managed care plan's
9 own loss and expense information."

10 SECTION 5. After the repeal of this Act on January 1,
11 2015, the rates of a health insurer, to which the criteria of
12 section 431:14G-103(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes, were applied,
13 shall continue in effect until revised in accordance with
14 chapter 431, article 14G, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

15 SECTION 6. The insurance commissioner shall submit a
16 report to the governor and the legislature no later than twenty
17 days prior to the convening of the 2014 regular session. The
18 report shall include information on the impacts of this Act and
19 a recommendation on whether any provision of this Act should be
20 made permanent, with or without modification.

21 SECTION 7. There is appropriated out of the compliance
22 resolution fund of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or



1 so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013
2 for the implementation of this Act by the insurance
3 commissioner.

4 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
5 commerce and consumer affairs for the purposes of this Act.

6 SECTION 8. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050, and
9 shall be repealed on January 1, 2015; provided that:

- 10 (1) Section 7 shall take effect on July 1, 2050;
- 11 (2) Section 5 shall not be repealed on January 1, 2015;
- 12 and
- 13 (3) Sections 431:14G-103(a) and 431:14G-105(e), Hawaii
14 Revised Statutes, shall be reenacted in the form in
15 which they read on December 31, 2012.



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Report Title:

Health Insurance; Medical Loss Ratio; Rate Regulation

Description:

Temporarily establishes a higher medical loss ratio for a tax-exempt mutual benefit society's or health maintenance organization's health insurance plan than the ratio set under the federal Public Health Service Act. Requires, when reviewing rate filings, the insurance commissioner to consider the medical loss ratio of the filer. Requires the insurance commissioner to submit a report to the governor and legislature before the convening of the regular session of 2014 on the impacts of this Act. Repealed on January 1, 2015. Effective July 1, 2050.
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