
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST
FUND.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 87A-23, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "**§87A-23 Health benefits plan supplemental to medicare.**

4 (a) The board shall establish a health benefits plan, which
5 takes into account benefits available to an employee-beneficiary
6 and spouse under medicare, subject to the following conditions:

7 (1) There shall be no duplication of benefits payable
8 under medicare. The plan under this section, which
9 shall be secondary to medicare, when combined with
10 medicare and any other plan to which the health
11 benefits plan is subordinate under the National
12 Association of Insurance Commissioners' coordination
13 of benefit rules, shall provide benefits that
14 approximate those provided to a similarly situated
15 beneficiary not eligible for medicare;

16 (2) The State, through the department of budget and
17 finance, and the counties, through their respective



1 departments of finance, shall pay to the fund a
2 contribution equal to an amount not less than the
3 medicare part B premium, for each of the following who
4 are enrolled in the medicare part B medical insurance
5 plan:

6 (A) [~~an~~] An employee-beneficiary who is a retired
7 employee[~~]~~;

8 (B) [~~an~~] An employee-beneficiary's spouse while the
9 employee-beneficiary is living[~~]~~; and

10 (C) [~~an~~] An employee-beneficiary's spouse,
11 after the death of the employee-beneficiary, if the
12 spouse qualifies as an employee-beneficiary. For
13 purposes of this section, a "retired employee" means
14 retired members of the employees' retirement system;
15 county pension system; or a police, firefighters, or
16 bandsmen pension system of the State or a county as
17 set forth in chapter 88. If the amount reimbursed by
18 the fund under this section is less than the actual
19 cost of the medicare part B medical insurance plan due
20 to an increase in the medicare part B medical
21 insurance plan rate, the fund shall reimburse each
22 employee-beneficiary and employee-beneficiary's spouse



1 for the cost increase within thirty days of the rate
2 change. Each employee-beneficiary and
3 employee-beneficiary's spouse who becomes entitled to
4 reimbursement from the fund for medicare part B
5 premiums after July 1, 2006, shall designate a
6 financial institution account into which the fund
7 shall be authorized to deposit reimbursements. This
8 method of payment may be waived by the fund if another
9 method is determined to be more appropriate;

10 (3) The benefits available under this plan, when combined
11 with benefits available under medicare or any other
12 coverage or plan to which this plan is subordinate
13 under the National Association of Insurance
14 Commissioners' coordination of benefit rules, shall
15 approximate the benefits that would be provided to a
16 similarly situated employee-beneficiary not eligible
17 for medicare;

18 (4) All employee-beneficiaries or dependent-beneficiaries
19 who are eligible to enroll in the medicare part B
20 medical insurance plan shall enroll in that plan as a
21 condition of receiving contributions and participating
22 in benefits plans under this chapter. This paragraph



1 shall apply to retired employees, their spouses, and
2 the surviving spouses of deceased retirees and
3 employees killed in the performance of duty; and

4 (5) The board shall determine which of the
5 employee-beneficiaries and dependent-beneficiaries,
6 who are not enrolled in the medicare part B medical
7 insurance plan, may participate in the plans offered
8 by the fund.

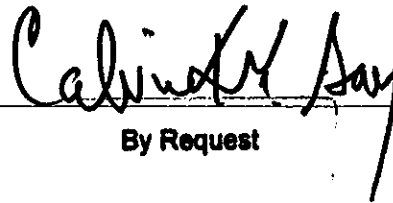
9 (b) Subsection (a)(2) and (3) shall not apply to an
10 employee-beneficiary hired after June 30, 2012, or the spouse of
11 an employee-beneficiary hired after June 30, 2012."

12 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
13 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.

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INTRODUCED BY:


By Request

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H.B. NO. 2102

Report Title:

Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund; Medicare Part B Reimbursements

Description:

Eliminates medicare part B reimbursements for employee-beneficiaries and spouses of employee-beneficiaries hired after June 30, 2012. Effective July 1, 2012.

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