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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MEDICAID.

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

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 346, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4           "§346-           Medicaid prescription drug benefits; copayment.

5           (a) A medicaid recipient shall be required to pay a copayment  
6 for prescription drugs covered under the recipient's medicaid  
7 benefits in accordance with a system established by the  
8 department; provided that a copayment shall not be required for  
9 prescription drugs for children, terminally ill recipients, or  
10 recipients residing in an institution.

11           (b) The department shall adopt rules in accordance with  
12 chapter 91 to establish and implement a medicaid prescription  
13 drug benefit copayment system that is in accordance with federal  
14 medicaid regulations for out-of-pocket charges."

15           SECTION 2. Prior to the establishment and implementation  
16 of the medicaid prescription drug benefit copayment system  
17 required under section 346-           , Hawaii Revised Statutes, the  
18 department of human services shall develop the medicaid



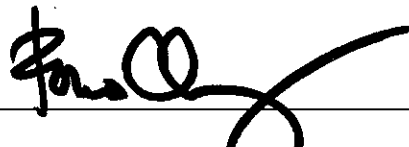
1 prescription drug benefit copayment system and seek the approval  
2 of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for such  
3 system.

4 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Medicaid; Prescription Drugs; Copayment

**Description:**

Requires certain medicaid recipients to pay a copayment for prescription drugs covered under the recipients' medicaid benefits in accordance with a system developed by the Department of Human Services. Requires the Department of Human Services to seek the approval of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services prior to the establishment and implementation of such a system.

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