
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 recipients under twenty-one years of age,
10 terminally ill recipients certified at hospice level of care, or
11 recipients residing in nursing homes or in home- or community-
12 based settings that provide a certified intermediate care
13 facility or skilled nursing facility level of care.

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



1 SECTION 2. Prior to the establishment and implementation
2 of the medicaid prescription drug benefit copayment system
3 required under section 346- , Hawaii Revised Statutes, the
4 department of human services shall develop the medicaid
5 prescription drug benefit copayment system and seek the approval
6 of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for such
7 system.

8 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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



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. (HB2415 HD1)

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