
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that all residents of
2 Hawaii should have access to health care in all its facets,
3 including affordable access to prescription drugs. The public
4 relies heavily on health insurance policies to provide adequate
5 medical care. However, current policies do not require insurers
6 to cover outpatient prescription drugs, nor do they impose
7 coverage requirements on insurers that do provide outpatient
8 prescription drug coverage.

9 The purpose of this Act is to make outpatient prescription
10 drugs more affordable and accessible to the residents of Hawaii.

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

14 "§431:10A- Coverage for outpatient prescription drugs.
15 Each individual and group accident and health or sickness
16 policy, contract, plan, or agreement issued or renewed in this
17 State after December 31, 2012, except for policies, contracts,
18 plans, or agreements that provide coverage for only specified



1 diseases or other limited benefit coverage, shall include
2 coverage for outpatient prescription drugs for the member or any
3 dependent of the member, unless the policyholder can provide
4 evidence of prescription drug coverage provided through another
5 policy or self-insured program."

6 SECTION 3. Chapter 432:1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
8 and to read as follows:

9 "§432:1- Coverage for outpatient prescription drugs.
10 All individual and group hospital or medical service plan
11 contracts issued or renewed by a mutual benefit society in this
12 State after December 31, 2012, except for policies, contracts,
13 plans, or agreements that provide coverage for only specified
14 diseases or other limited benefit coverage, shall include
15 coverage for outpatient prescription drugs for the member or any
16 dependent of the member, unless the policyholder can provide
17 evidence of prescription drug coverage provided through another
18 policy or self-insured program."

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

21 "§432D-23 Required provisions and benefits.

22 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, each



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

8 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
9 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on December 31,
11 2050; provided that the amendment to section 432D-23, Hawaii
12 Revised Statutes, in section 4 of this Act shall take effect on
13 January 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Mandatory Insurance Coverage; Outpatient Prescription Drugs

Description:

Requires health insurers to provide outpatient prescription drug coverage, unless the policyholder can provide evidence of prescription drug coverage provided through another policy or self-insured program. Effective December 31, 2050. (SB2106 HD2)

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