
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 it is the goal of
2 all people in Hawaii to have access to health care in all its
3 facets, including affordable access to prescription drugs. The
4 public relies heavily on health insurance policies to provide
5 adequate medical care. However, current policies do not require
6 insurers to cover outpatient prescription drugs, nor do they
7 impose coverage requirements on insurers that do provide
8 outpatient 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 covered by that plan."

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

7 "§432:1- Coverage for outpatient prescription drugs.
8 Each individual and group accident and health or sickness
9 policy, contract, plan, or agreement issued or renewed by a
10 mutual benefit society in this State after December 31, 2012,
11 except for policies, contracts, plans, or agreements that
12 provide coverage for only specified diseases or other limited
13 benefit coverage, shall include coverage for outpatient
14 prescription drugs for the member or any dependent of the
15 member."

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

18 "§432D-23 Required provisions and benefits.
19 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, each
20 policy, contract, plan, or agreement issued in the State after
21 January 1, 1995, by health maintenance organizations pursuant to
22 this chapter, shall include benefits provided in sections



1 431:10-212, 431:10A-115, 431:10A-115.5, 431:10A-116,
2 431:10A-116.5, 431:10A-116.6, 431:10A-119, 431:10A-120,
3 431:10A-121, 431:10A-125, 431:10A-126, [~~and~~] 431:10A-122, and
4 431:10A- , and chapter 431M."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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

7 SECTION 6. The Act shall take effect upon its approval and
8 shall apply to policies, contracts, plans, and agreements of
9 health insurance issued or reserved after December 31, 2012.



Report Title:

Mandatory Insurance Coverage; Outpatient Prescription Drugs

Description:

Requires health insurers to provide outpatient prescription drug coverage. (SD2)

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