
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1 PART I

2 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that recent budgetary
3 cuts to the medicaid QUEST health care program will result in
4 more stringent eligibility requirements. Currently, those with
5 incomes below two hundred per cent of the federal poverty level
6 are qualified, but proposed changes due to take effect in April
7 limit qualifying individuals to those with incomes below one
8 hundred thirty-three per cent of the federal poverty level.
9 This change in program eligibility will disenroll approximately
10 four thousand five hundred adults from QUEST and cause them to
11 become uninsured. Although the Patient Protection and
12 Affordable Care Act of 2010 (P.L. 111-148) expands the
13 population that will be eligible for medicaid coverage and
14 private insurance, those provisions do not take effect until
15 2014, leaving many to an uncertain future and causing an
16 increase in the number of uninsured persons in Hawaii's
17 struggling economy.



1 The legislature also finds that any change to the medicaid
2 program will disproportionately affect community health centers
3 because of their patient demographics. Twenty-seven per cent of
4 patients at community health centers, or thirty-five thousand
5 consumers, are currently uninsured. In addition, eighty-five
6 per cent of community health center patients have incomes below
7 two hundred per cent of the federal poverty level, and
8 approximately half of the total patients seen by community
9 health centers are current medicaid enrollees. The vast
10 majority of newly uninsured health care consumers who will be
11 cut from the QUEST program will either turn to community health
12 centers for their care or seek out emergency department care,
13 which reports show to be seven times more costly to the State
14 than providing basic coverage. Community health centers are
15 also being increasingly utilized, as seen in the case of
16 Massachusetts; though that State passed landmark legislation in
17 2006 to make health care mandatory and more accessible. Between
18 2005 and 2007, Massachusetts' community health centers saw the
19 total number of patients served increase by fifty thousand
20 individuals.

21 Community health centers serve uninsured, low-income
22 patient populations with demographic complexities and co-



1 morbidities, medicaid members, the homeless, and privately
2 insured individuals and families. Specifically, characteristics
3 of community health centers include the following:

4 (1) Are nonprofit, community-based organizations whose
5 purpose and expertise lie in providing quality,
6 person-centered health care to underserved populations
7 and regions;

8 (2) Provide culturally and linguistically appropriate
9 health care and a broad range of primary care and
10 preventive services;

11 (3) Are located in medically underserved areas where
12 people have limited access to other health care
13 providers because of geographic and socio-economic
14 barriers;

15 (4) Contribute greatly to the economies and livability of
16 the communities they serve; and

17 (5) Are cost-effective providers whose care results in
18 healthier patients and decreased use of emergency,
19 specialty, and in-patient services.

20 With less unnecessary emergency room, in-patient, and
21 specialty utilization, community health centers save the health
22 care system \$1,262 per year per patient. That means that in



1 2009, community health centers in Hawaii saved the State more
2 than \$160,000,000, which was even more than the \$128,000,000
3 saved in 2008. Thus, the legislature also finds that community
4 health centers are a smart investment that results in healthier
5 communities while saving the State money.

6 The purpose of this part is to provide funding for quality,
7 cost-effective health care through community health centers for
8 Hawaii residents who are uninsured.

9 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
11 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 to
12 community health centers for the provision of direct health care
13 for the uninsured, which may include primary medical, dental,
14 and behavioral health care; provided that the distribution of
15 funds may be on a "per visit" basis, and may include a per
16 member, per month quality incentive payment, taking into
17 consideration the need on all islands.

18 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
19 health for the purposes of this part.

20 PART II

21 SECTION 3. The legislature finds that the national and
22 global economic crisis that began in the second half of 2008 has



1 caused significant economic problems in numerous industries in
2 the State, including the airline, cruise ship, tourist, and
3 construction industries. Mass layoffs have been reported by an
4 increasing number of Hawaii businesses statewide, from the
5 agricultural sector to the medical-services sector. Difficult
6 economic times and declining tax revenues have resulted in
7 budget cuts for many state services.

8 The current and impending situation jeopardizes the safety
9 net of basic health needs for Hawaii's residents and families.
10 While all of Hawaii's residents will be affected by the
11 situation, gap group families and families closest to the
12 poverty line will suffer the most.

13 The purpose of this part is to appropriate moneys to
14 maintain the levels of programs determined to be essential to
15 public health.

16 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$114,467 or so much
18 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for direct
19 respite services.

20 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
21 health for the purposes of this section.



1 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
 2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$3,000,000 or so much
 3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 to
 4 supplement the cost of direct services of the healthy start
 5 program.

6 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
 7 health for the purposes of this section.

8 SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general
 9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$285,000 or so much
 10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 to provide
 11 funding for grants pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised
 12 Statutes, to provide direct services from the following:

- 13 (1) Catholic Charities Hawaii for the Lanakila
- 14 Multi-Purpose Senior Center \$175,000
- 15 (2) Moiliili Community Center for the
- 16 Moiliili Senior Center Program \$50,000
- 17 (3) Waikiki Community Center \$60,000

18 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
 19 health for the purposes of this section.

20 SECTION 7. There is appropriated out of the general
 21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$4,800,000 or so much
 22 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for the



1 cost of direct services of the kupuna care program and meals for
2 the elderly receiving kupuna care.

3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
4 health for the purposes of this section.

5 SECTION 8. There is appropriated out of the general
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,400,000 or so much
7 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for direct
8 services provided by the aging and disability resource center.

9 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
10 health for the purposes of this section.

11 SECTION 9. There is appropriated out of the general
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,500,000 or so much
13 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for direct
14 services provided by the developmental disabilities medicaid
15 waiver program.

16 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
17 health for the purposes of this section.

18 SECTION 10. There is appropriated out of the general
19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,500,000 or so much
20 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for direct
21 adult mental health services.



1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
2 health for the purposes of this section.

3 SECTION 11. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$150,000 or so much
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for direct
6 services provided by the partnerships in community living
7 program.

8 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
9 health for the purposes of this section.

10 SECTION 12. There is appropriated out of the general
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,400,000 or so much
12 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for direct
13 substance abuse treatment and prevention services for adults and
14 adolescents.

15 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
16 health for the purposes of this section.

17 SECTION 13. There is appropriated out of the general
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$426,722 or so much
19 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for direct
20 services provided by the healthy aging partnership program.

21 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
22 health for the purposes of this section.



1 SECTION 14. There is appropriated out of the general
 2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$332,000 or so much
 3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 to provide
 4 funding for grants pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised
 5 Statutes, to the Waianae District Comprehensive Health and
 6 Hospital Board, Inc., to support its direct emergency room
 7 services.

8 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
 9 health for the purposes of this section.

10 SECTION 15. There is appropriated out of the general
 11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$810,000 or so much
 12 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 to provide
 13 funding for grants pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised
 14 Statutes, for direct HIV/AIDS related services and to be
 15 distributed as follows:

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| 16 | (1) Life Foundation | \$270,000 |
| 17 | (2) Gregory House Programs | \$270,000 |
| 18 | (3) Community Health Outreach Work to | |
| 19 | Prevent AIDS | \$270,000 |

20 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
 21 health for the purposes of this section.



1 SECTION 16. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$10,500,000 or so
3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for
4 direct health care services for individuals who are uninsured
5 and underinsured.

6 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
7 health for the purposes of this section.

8 SECTION 17. There is appropriated out of the general
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 to:

- 11 (1) Increase direct adult and children's oral health
12 services and prevention services;
- 13 (2) Increase public awareness of oral health through
14 outreach and education programs; and
- 15 (3) Establish and implement an electronic system to track
16 data on children's dental health.

17 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
18 health for the purposes of this section.

19 SECTION 18. There is appropriated out of the general
20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$500,000 or so much
21 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 to provide
22 funding for grants pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised



1 Statutes, to Kokua Kalihi Valley (Comprehensive Family Services)
2 to provide direct services.

3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
4 health for the purposes of this section.

5 SECTION 19. There is appropriated out of the general
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$180,000 or so much
7 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for direct
8 services to pregnant women struggling with addiction.

9 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
10 health for the purposes of this section.

11 SECTION 20. There is appropriated out of the general
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$699,557 or so much
13 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for direct
14 services provided by the baby S.A.F.E. (substance abuse free
15 environment) program.

16 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
17 health for the purposes of this section.

18 SECTION 21. There is appropriated out of the general
19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$110,000 or so much
20 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for direct
21 services related to fetal alcohol spectrum disorders.



1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
2 health for the purposes of this section.

3 SECTION 22. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$546,021 or so much
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for direct
6 family planning services.

7 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
8 health for the purposes of this section.

9 SECTION 23. There is appropriated out of the general
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$94,229 or so much
11 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for direct
12 services provided by perinatal health programs.

13 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
14 health for the purposes of this section.

15 SECTION 24. There is appropriated out of the general
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$436,596 or so much
17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for direct
18 services provided by the preschool developmental screening
19 program.

20 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
21 health for the purposes of this section.



1 SECTION 25. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$75,000 or so much
3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 to provide
4 funding for grants pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised
5 Statutes, to Planned Parenthood of Hawaii for statewide sexual
6 health education.

7 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
8 health for the purposes of this section.

9 SECTION 26. There is appropriated out of the general
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$35,000 or so much
11 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for the
12 provision of training for trainers and others to prevent and
13 address bullying and cyberbullying and to promote peaceful
14 relations among students and others who are a part of a public
15 or private school community.

16 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
17 health for the purposes of this section.

18 PART III

19 SECTION 27. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.



Report Title:

Health Care; Funding for the Uninsured; Community Health Centers; Funding for the Public and Public Health; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates moneys to community health centers for the provision of direct health care for the uninsured, including those who will be disenrolled from the medicaid QUEST program pending eligibility changes in April 2012. Appropriates moneys from the general fund to maintain funding levels of programs for public health. Effective July 1, 2012. (SB2227 HD1)

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