

**LATE
Testimony**

March 15, 2012
Cariaga Adult Foster Family Home

In behalf of the ADULT FOSTER CARE
HOME ASSOCIATION, BIG ISLAND CHAPTER,

We support the SB2712 RELATING TO

MEDICAID with the following amendments
targeted at improving Medicaid system
in Hawaii:

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Confirmation to Support
the SB 2712

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Also, to ensure patients get to their dialysis and other related medical procedures in a timely manner.

Mahalo,

Cora Caniaga
Vice President (AFHA B.I. CHAPTER)

Aloha Rep. John Mizuno,

On behalf of the BIG ISLAND ADULT RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME ORGANIZATION ,
please find our testimony in support of SB 2712 "RELATING TO MEDICAID".

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Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Melba A. Daak- President of the BIG ISLAND ARCH

cc.May Mizuno

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To: The Honorable John Mizuno, Chair
House Committee on Human Services

From: Myriam Tabaniag, RN
President, Hokulaki Senior Living, LLC
First Vice President of the Alliance of Residential Care Administrators (ARCA)

RE: SB2712-RELATING TO MEDICAID

On behalf of Care Homes, we support SB2712 RELATING TO MEDICAID, and we would like to add the following amendments which are targeted to improve the Medicaid system in Hawaii:

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Thank you for your kind consideration to look into this matter.

LATE Testimony

From: Lilia Fajotina, ARCA President

To: The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services

RE: SB 2712 Relating to Medecaid
Hearing Thursday 3/15/12
Room 329

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Thank you so much for allowing me to testify.

Sincerely,

Lilia P. Fajotina
ARCA Presiden
(Alliance of Residential Care Administrators)

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TO: The Honorable John Mizuno, Chair
House Committee on Human Services

The Honorable Ryan Yamane, Chair
House Committee on Health

FROM: Jodie Hagerman
Pacific Renal Care Foundation

SUBJECT: S.B. 2712 - RELATING TO MEDICAID
Thursday, March 15, 2012; 10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 329, Hawaii State Capitol

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT

Dear Chair Mizuno and Chair Yamane:

The Pacific Renal Care Foundation supports S.B. 2712 relating to Medicaid subject to the following amendment:

SECTION 3. Hawaii Medicaid, Hawaii QUEST and any contractors therewith or successors (collectively "Medicaid") shall refrain from modifying reimbursement policies and guidelines without providing a 90 day prior written notice of such change to any affected health care provider. In no event shall any such change be applied retroactively if prior approval for reimbursement was obtained from Medicaid.

SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

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

We are requesting for this amendment to protect health care providers from the volatile reimbursement environment surrounding Medicare and Medicaid. Lien cases may take a substantial time to resolve and in that timeframe, policy changes may occur which may be disadvantageous to providers in Medical Institutions. The amended language provides adequate notice of those changes and affords providers to be reimbursed at agreed-upon rates through a prior approval process with Medicaid.