
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO REPORT ON THE
STATE MEDICAID PROGRAM'S COMPLIANCE WITH THE PATIENT
PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that fraud, abuse of
2 systems, and waste cost state Medicaid programs a combined
3 estimate of \$18,000,000 per year; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Center for Program Integrity within the
6 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services reports that fraud,
7 abuse of systems, and waste can be significantly attributed to
8 medical coding errors, the provision of unnecessary medical
9 services, improper billing practices, and deceptive billing; and
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11 WHEREAS, the United States Government Accountability Office
12 study, "Medicare and Medicaid Fraud, Waste, and Abuse," dated
13 March 9, 2011, indicated that fraud, abuse of systems, and waste
14 put all social service programs, including Medicare and
15 Medicaid, at risk; and
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17 WHEREAS, in designating Medicare and Medicaid as "high-
18 risk" programs, the United States Government Accountability
19 Office stressed the need to implement strategies to reduce
20 fraud, abuse of systems, and waste, as well as reduce improper
21 payments; and
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23 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii's Medicaid enrollment reached
24 approximately 290,496 members by the end of fiscal year 2012 and
25 its Med-Quest enrollment has increased more than 35 percent
26 since 2008; and
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28 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii has current contracts with
29 managed care health plans to provide coverage for its Medicaid
30 populations, including both Quest and Quest Expanded enrollees,
31 with the Department of Human Services providing federally-
32 mandated accountability and oversight pursuant to the Federal
33 Balanced Budget Act of 1997; and



1 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that the problems of
2 fraud, abuse of systems, and waste within Medicaid programs have
3 led to higher costs for Medicaid programs throughout the
4 country; and

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6 WHEREAS, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of
7 2010 requires the states to submit plans detailing proposed
8 methods to increase post-payment reviews aimed at identifying
9 payment errors and recouping overpayments; and

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11 WHEREAS, Medicaid program integrity within managed care
12 health plans and other programs is of vital importance to the
13 State of Hawaii; and

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15 WHEREAS, transparency would be increased and areas of
16 weakness more easily identified within the State of Hawaii's
17 Medicaid programs if the Department of Human Services provided a
18 report on Medicaid compliance with the Patient Protection and
19 Affordable Care Act of 2010; now, therefore,

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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
22 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
23 Session of 2013, that the Department of Human Services is
24 requested to report on the State Medicaid program's compliance
25 with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010,
26 including a timeline for compliance for fiscal years 2012-2013,
27 2013-2014, and 2014-2015; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Human
30 Services submit the report to the Legislature no later than 20
31 days prior to the convening of the Regular Sessions of 2014,
32 2015, 2016, and 2017; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
35 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Human Services.

