
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE NURSING FACILITY SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM.

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

1 SECTION 1. Act 156, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, as
2 amended by section 2 of Act 142, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013, is
3 amended by amending section 2 as follows:

4 1. By amending subsection (c) of section -4, Hawaii
5 Revised Statutes, to read:

6 "(c) Revenue from the nursing facility sustainability fee
7 shall be used exclusively as follows:

8 (1) No less than eighty-eight per cent of the revenue from
9 the nursing facility sustainability fee shall be used
10 to match federal medicaid funds, with the combined
11 total to be used to enhance capitated rates to
12 medicaid managed care health plans for the purpose of
13 increasing medicaid payments to private nursing
14 facilities;

15 (2) Twelve per cent of the revenue from the nursing
16 facility sustainability fee may be used by the
17 department for other departmental purposes; and



1 (3) All moneys remaining in the special fund on December
2 30, [~~2014~~] 2015, shall be distributed to nursing
3 facilities within thirty days in the same proportions
4 as received from the nursing facilities."

5 2. By amending section -10, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to
6 read:

7 "§ -10 **Enhanced rates to medicaid managed care health**
8 **plans.** In accordance with title 42 Code of Federal Regulations
9 section 438, the department shall use revenues from the nursing
10 facility sustainability fee and federal matching funds to
11 enhance the capitated rates paid to medicaid managed care health
12 plans for the state fiscal year [~~2013-2014~~] 2014-2015 consistent
13 with the following objectives:

14 (1) The rate enhancement shall be used exclusively for
15 increasing reimbursements to private nursing
16 facilities to support the availability of services and
17 to ensure access to care to the medicaid managed care
18 health plan enrollees;

19 (2) The rate enhancement shall be made part of the monthly
20 capitated rates by the department to medicaid managed
21 care health plans, which shall provide documentation
22 to the department and the nursing facility trade



1 associations located in Hawaii certifying that the
2 revenues received under paragraph (1) are used in
3 accordance with this section;

4 (3) The rate enhancement shall be actuarially sound and
5 approved by the federal government for federal fund
6 participation; and

7 (4) The department shall modify the fee-for-service
8 reimbursement rates of the nursing facilities to
9 recognize the medicaid portion of the nursing facility
10 sustainability fee as an additional cost of serving
11 medicaid patients, and to provide a uniform percentage
12 increase in pre-existing facility-specific rates."

13 3. By amending subsection (a) of section -13, Hawaii
14 Revised Statutes, to read:

15 "(a) Collection of the nursing facility sustainability fee
16 under section -5 shall be discontinued if:

17 (1) The waiver in section -7 or the enhanced capitation
18 rates in section -10 have not been approved by the
19 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services;

20 (2) The department reduces funding for nursing facility
21 services below the state appropriation in effect on
22 June 30, [~~2013~~] 2014;



1 (3) The department or any other state agency uses the
2 money in the special fund for any use other than the
3 uses permitted pursuant to this chapter; or

4 (4) Federal financial participation to match the nursing
5 facility sustainability fee becomes unavailable under
6 federal law. In such case, the department shall
7 terminate the collection of the fee beginning on the
8 effective date of the federal statutory, regulatory,
9 or interpretive change."

10 SECTION 2. Act 156, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, as
11 amended by section 3 of Act 142, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013, is
12 amended by amending section 5 to read as follows:

13 "SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012,
14 and shall be repealed on June 30, [~~2014~~] 2015; provided that
15 section [~~4(e)~~] -4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, established by
16 section 2 of this Act, shall be repealed on December 31, [~~2014~~]
17 2015."

18 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the nursing
19 facility sustainability program special fund the sum of
20 \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
21 2014-2015 to be used for the purposes of the nursing facility
22 sustainability program special fund.

1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
2 human services for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2030.



Report Title:

Nursing Facility Sustainability Program; Special Fund;
Appropriation

Description:

Continues the Nursing Facility Sustainability Program by extending the sunset date of the Act to June 30, 2015, updating the referral dates in the statute, and appropriating funds from the Nursing Facility Sustainability Program Special Fund for fiscal year 2014-2015. Effective July 1, 2030. (HB2294 HD1)

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