

1 Medicare and Medicaid Services for the development of a medicaid
2 infrastructure program to design and implement a medicaid buy-in
3 program for individuals with disabilities who are employed or
4 desire to become employed and purchase medicaid coverage
5 authorized under the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives
6 Improvement Act of 1999 (P.L. 106-170). Before 1999, other
7 potential federal options for the creation of a medicaid buy-in
8 program included the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 and a waiver
9 pursuant to section 1115 of the Social Security Act, as codified
10 under title 42 United States Code section 1315.

11 The legislature further finds that it is advantageous for
12 economic development in the State and in the best interests of
13 disabled Hawaii's citizens to establish programs and policies
14 that encourage employment. It is the intent of the legislature
15 that all state agencies work with citizens to identify and
16 remove barriers to employment for persons with disabilities.
17 Adults with disabilities need adequate health insurance, but
18 options for insurance coverage are limited, even with the
19 federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.



- 1 (3) Meet medicaid citizenship requirements;
- 2 (4) Have a disability, as defined by the Social Security
- 3 Administration; and
- 4 (5) Not be eligible for any other medicaid eligibility.

5 (c) The department of human services shall use the same
6 eligibility criteria for the working disabled adults pilot
7 program as for the medicaid aged, blind, and disabled group,
8 except that the department shall:

- 9 (1) Disregard earned income in an amount determined by the
- 10 department, but not less than \$1,000 per month; and
- 11 (2) Have an asset limit as determined by the department,
- 12 but not less than the asset limit for the medicaid
- 13 aged, blind, and disabled group.

14 (d) The working disabled adults pilot program shall
15 terminate on June 30, 2019.

16 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
18 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 and the
19 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal years
20 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 for the working disabled adults pilot
21 program to support employment of individuals with disabilities



1 by expanding their access to medicaid; provided that the
 2 department is encouraged to collaborate with the University of
 3 Hawaii center on disability studies to prepare and conduct
 4 outreach relating to the working disabled adults pilot program,
 5 technical assistance, and evaluation.

6 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
 7 of human services for the purposes of this Act.

PART III

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 9 SECTION 4. Chapter 346, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
 10 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
 11 and to read as follows:

12 "§346- Medicaid buy-in program for workers with
 13 disabilities. (a) There is established within the department
 14 the medicaid buy-in program for workers with disabilities. The
 15 purpose of the medicaid buy-in program for workers with
 16 disabilities is to support employment of individuals with
 17 disabilities by expanding their access to medicaid.

18 (b) To qualify for the medicaid buy-in program for workers
 19 with disabilities, a person shall:

- 20 (1) Be a resident of the State;
- 21 (2) Be at least eighteen years of age;



- 1 (3) Meet medicaid citizenship requirements;
- 2 (4) Have a disability, as defined by the Social Security
- 3 Administration;
- 4 (5) Be gainfully employed in either part-time or full-time
- 5 work; provided that all earnings shall be reported to
- 6 the department of labor and industrial relations;
- 7 (6) Have income that does not exceed three hundred per
- 8 cent of the federal poverty level; and
- 9 (7) Have assets that do not exceed an amount established
- 10 by the department; provided that the limitation on
- 11 assets established by the department shall not be less
- 12 than \$25,000.

13 (c) The medicaid buy-in program for workers with
14 disabilities may have an enrollment limit as determined by the
15 department; provided that the limit shall not be less than two
16 hundred individuals.

17 (d) The department may require a person participating in
18 the medicaid buy-in program for workers with disabilities to pay
19 a premium or other cost-sharing charges in a manner as
20 determined by the department.



1 (e) The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter
2 91 necessary for the purposes of this section."

3 PART IV

4 SECTION 5. The department of human services shall submit a
5 report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the
6 convening of the 2018 regular session, which shall provide an
7 update on the working disabled adults pilot program and making
8 recommendations on whether to implement the medicaid buy-in
9 program for workers with disabilities pursuant to section 4 of
10 this Act. The report shall include the department's findings,
11 recommendations, and any proposed amendments to the program as
12 proposed by section 4 of this Act and shall specify resources
13 needed to implement the program.

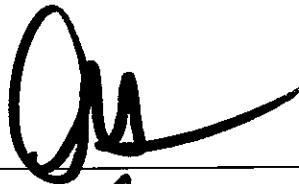
14 SECTION 6. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016;
16 provided that part II shall be repealed on June 30, 2019;
17 provided further that part III shall take effect on July 1,
18 2019.

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Report Title:

Working Disabled Adults Pilot Program; Medicaid Buy-in Program for Workers with Disabilities; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes within the department of human services a two-year working disabled adults pilot program to be repealed on June 30, 2017. Establishes a medicaid buy-in program for workers with disabilities to be implemented once the pilot program is complete. Appropriates funds for the working disabled adults pilot program.

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