
HOUSE RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE HAWAII PSYCHIATRIC MEDICAL
ASSOCIATION, THE QUEEN'S HEALTH SYSTEMS, AND THE MED-QUEST
DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.

1 WHEREAS, collaborative care is a new method of psychiatric
2 care delivery that allows a patient to receive psychiatric care
3 in their family physician's office from a remotely located
4 psychiatrist providing consultation to the patient's care
5 manager who is located within the primary care practice; and
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7 WHEREAS, data show a return on investment of approximately
8 \$6 per every dollar spent on collaborative care and a projected
9 annual nationwide savings of \$24,000,000,000 to \$48,000,000,000,
10 due largely to reduced emergency room visits and hospital
11 admissions for medical conditions that would otherwise be
12 neglected by psychiatric patients; and
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14 WHEREAS, these data were found so compelling that on
15 January 2, 2017, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services
16 began paying for collaborative care services for Medicare
17 patients; and
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19 WHEREAS, the vast majority of patients in need of
20 psychiatric care in underserved areas of the State are covered
21 by Medicaid or QUEST, rather than Medicare; and
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23 WHEREAS, in collaboration with the Hawaii Psychiatric
24 Medical Association and others, The Queen's Health Systems'
25 Clinically Integrated Physician Network has developed and
26 implemented its own collaborative care pilot program and has
27 found that it has already realized improved outcomes and
28 satisfaction; and
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30 WHEREAS, in 2017, legislation passed through both the House
31 of Representatives and the Senate to require Hawaii Medicaid to
32 cover collaborative care at the same rates as Medicare; and



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2 WHEREAS, this coverage also requires Hawaii Medicaid or the
3 Med-QUEST Division of the Department of Human Services to obtain
4 approval from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services to
5 further expand implementation of collaborative care; and
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7 WHEREAS, Med-QUEST has drafted a Medicaid expansion
8 proposal, called the Hawaii Ohana Nui Project Expansion program;
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11 WHEREAS, the program is committed to exploring practices
12 that further integrate physical and behavioral health services,
13 like the collaborative care model; and
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15 WHEREAS, the program explores the use of payments to
16 primary care providers and members of the multidisciplinary team
17 for providing integrated services using the collaborative care
18 model; and
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20 WHEREAS, these kinds of innovations envisioned by Med-
21 QUEST, based on numerous studies showing that they are effective
22 and save lives; reduce costs, resulting in personal, company,
23 and taxpayer savings; and provide a welcome beacon of hope for
24 improving the integrated health of Hawaii's citizens; now,
25 therefore,
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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
28 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
29 of 2018, that the Legislature supports the efforts of the Hawaii
30 Psychiatric Medical Association, The Queen's Health Systems, and
31 the Med-QUEST Division of the Department of Human Services, for
32 the painstaking work they have performed on behalf of the health
33 of the citizens of the State, to improve access to safe
34 psychiatric care to underserved populations; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 2 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the Hawaii
 3 Psychiatric Medical Association Executive Council, the President
 4 and Chief Executive Officer of The Queen's Health Systems, and
 5 the Administrator of the Med-QUEST Division of the Department of
 6 Human Services.

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