
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. Act 139, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016, amended
2 section 323D-18.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to facilitate
3 greater transparency in the healthcare sector and improve
4 understanding of healthcare costs, healthcare system quality,
5 population health conditions, and healthcare disparities by
6 authorizing the submission of health claims and administrative
7 data from the employer-union health benefits trust fund and the
8 state medicaid agency to, and the acquisition of medicare data
9 sets specific to Hawaii by the state health planning and
10 development agency. The state health planning and development
11 agency, through its designee the pacific health informatics and
12 data center at the University of Hawaii, and with the
13 collaboration of multiple state departments and agencies, has
14 initiated phase one of establishing the Hawaii Health Data
15 Center, an all-payer claims database for the State, focusing on
16 government-as-payer data.



1 The data authorized by Act 139, Session Laws of Hawaii
2 2016, provided some information. Now the database must fill
3 data gaps within populations and add new data sources. As
4 stated in the article *The Promise of Data-Drive Policymaking*, by
5 Daniel Etsy and Reece Rushing, "Policymaking, as it currently
6 stands, can be like driving through a dense fog in the middle of
7 the night. Large data gaps make it difficult to see problems
8 clearly and chart a course forward."

9 Currently the state health planning and development agency
10 has identified a large gap missing from the Hawaii senior
11 population data, the medicare advantage, or medicare part C,
12 data. The state health planning and development agency, through
13 its designee, has acquired administrative and health claims data
14 for medicare parts A, B, and D. To assure a more complete
15 picture of health care costs and services utilization by
16 Hawaii's senior population, and to provide better, more
17 comprehensive analysis and information, it is necessary to
18 require the submission of medicare advantage health claims and
19 administrative data.

20 According to the department of business, economic
21 development & tourism's *DBEDT 2045 Series Report*, Hawaii's



1 senior population, age 65 and over, is the only population
2 projected to increase in size between 2016 and 2045, from 17.1
3 per cent to 23.8 per cent of total population.

4 The state health planning and development agency recognizes
5 that the need for a complete and robust medicare data set is
6 essential to effectively plan and prepare for the approaching
7 "Silver Tsunami" and the accompanying increase in medical
8 expenditures by both the state and federal government.

9 SECTION 2. Section 323D-18.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

11 "(b) Providers of health insurance subject to this
12 subsection shall submit administrative data as follows:

13 (1) Beginning November 1, 2016, providers of health
14 insurance that provide health [{}benefits[{}]] plans
15 funded by the Hawaii employer-union health benefits
16 trust fund, the state medicaid agency, or both, shall
17 provide to the state agency, or its designee,
18 administrative data required by the state agency to
19 determine health benefits costs, including health care
20 services claims and payment data regarding
21 beneficiaries of health benefits plans funded by the



1 Hawaii employer-union health benefits trust fund, the
2 state medicaid agency, or both[-]; and
3 (2) Beginning January 1, 2019, providers of health
4 insurance that provide medicare advantage, or medicare
5 part C, health benefits plans to residents of the
6 State shall provide to the state agency, or its
7 designee, administrative data required by the state
8 agency to determine health benefits costs, including
9 health care services claims and payment data."

10 SECTION 3. If any provision of this Act, or the
11 application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held
12 invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or
13 applications of the Act that can be given effect without the
14 invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions
15 of this Act are severable.

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

18 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Department of Health; State Health Planning and Development Agency

Description:

Authorizes the State Health Planning and Development Agency to mandate the submission of Medicare Advantage (Medicare Part C) administrative data and healthcare services claims. (HB578 HD1)

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