
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, and the acquisition of Medicare data sets
9 specific to Hawaii. The state health planning and development
10 agency, through its designee the pacific health informatics and
11 data center at the University of Hawaii, and with the
12 collaboration of multiple state departments and agencies, has
13 initiated phase one of establishing the Hawaii Health Data
14 Center, an all-payer claims database for the State, focusing on
15 government as payer data.

16 The data authorized by Act 139 Session Laws of Hawaii 2016
17 provided some information. Now the database must fill data gaps



1 within populations and add new data sources. As stated in the
2 article, *The Promise of Data-Driven Policymaking* by Daniel Etsy
3 and Reece Rushing, "Policymaking, as it currently stands, can be
4 like driving through a dense fog in the middle of the night.
5 Large data gaps make it difficult to see problems clearly and
6 chart a course forward."

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

17 According to the department of business, economic
18 development & tourism's *DBEDT 2045 Series Report*, Hawaii's
19 senior population, age 65 and over, is the only population
20 projected to increase in size between 2016 and 2045, from 17.1
21 per cent to 23.8 per cent of total population.



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

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

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

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



1 (2) Beginning January 1, 2019, providers of health
2 insurance that provide Medicare Advantage (Medicare
3 Part C) health benefits plans to residents of the
4 State shall provide to the state agency, or its
5 designee, administrative data required by the state
6 agency to determine health benefits costs, including
7 health care services claims and payment data."

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

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

16 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title:

Department of Health; State Health Planning and Development Agency

Description:

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

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