
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 health care sector and improve
4 understanding of health care costs, health care system quality,
5 population health conditions, and health care 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
17 2016, provided some information. Now the database must fill
18 data gaps within populations and add new data sources. As



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

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

16 According to the department of business, economic
17 development, and tourism's *DBEDT 2045 Series Report*, Hawaii's
18 senior population, age 65 and over, is the only population
19 projected to increase in size between 2016 and 2045, from 17.1
20 per cent to 23.8 per cent of the 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 July 1, 2019, providers of health insurance
2 that provide medicare advantage (medicare part C)
3 health benefits plans to residents of the State shall
4 provide to the state agency, or its designee,
5 administrative data required by the state agency,
6 using the same standard format as required by the
7 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to
8 determine health benefits costs, including health care
9 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, 2019.



Report Title:

Department of Health; State Health Planning and Development Agency; Medicare Part C

Description:

Requires health insurance providers that provide medicare advantage (medicare part C) health benefit plans to submit administrative data, including health care services claims and payment data, to the State Health Planning and Development Agency, or its designee. (CD1)

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