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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 346, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately  
3 designated and to read as follows:

4           "§346-       Coverage of ambulance services.   Beginning on  
5 January 1, 2020, the State's medicaid programs:

6           (1) Shall provide coverage for ambulance services; and

7           (2) May also provide coverage for statewide community  
8 paramedicine services rendered by emergency medical  
9 technicians or paramedics.

10          SECTION 2. Chapter 431, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
11 amended by adding a new section to part I of article 10A to be  
12 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

13          "§431:10A-       Coverage of ambulance services.   Each policy  
14 of accident and health or sickness insurance issued or renewed  
15 in this State on or after January 1, 2020, shall:

16          (1) Provide coverage for ambulance services; and



1       (2) Also provide coverage for statewide services rendered  
2           by emergency medical technicians or paramedics."

3       SECTION 3. Chapter 432, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended by adding a new section to part VI of article 1 to be  
5 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

6       "§432:1- Coverage of ambulance services. Each hospital  
7 or medical service plan contract issued or renewed in this State  
8 on or after January 1, 2020, shall:

9       (1) Provide coverage for ambulance services; and

10       (2) Also provide coverage for statewide community  
11 paramedicine services rendered by emergency medical  
12 technicians or paramedics."

13       SECTION 4. Section 432D-23, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15       "§432D-23 Required provisions and benefits.

16 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, each  
17 policy, contract, plan, or agreement issued in the State after  
18 January 1, 1995, by health maintenance organizations pursuant to  
19 this chapter, shall include benefits provided in sections  
20 431:10-212, 431:10A-115, 431:10A-115.5, 431:10A-116, 431:10A-  
21 116.2, 431:10A-116.5, 431:10A-116.6, 431:10A-119, 431:10A-120,



1 431:10A-121, 431:10A-122, 431:10A-125, 431:10A-126, 431:10A-132,  
2 431:10A-133, 431:10A-134, 431:10A-140, [~~and 431:10A-134,~~] and  
3 431:10A- , and chapter 431M."

4 SECTION 5. Section 23-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall  
5 not apply to this Act.

6 SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general  
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,000,000 or so much  
8 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the  
9 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
10 2020-2021 for coverage of ambulances services required or  
11 authorized under section 1 of this Act.

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

14 SECTION 7. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

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**Report Title:**

Health; Insurance; Medicaid; Ambulance Services; Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires medicaid and insurance coverage of ambulance services. Authorizes medicaid programs, and requires private insurers, to pay for community paramedicine services provided by emergency medical technicians or paramedics. Appropriates moneys for medicaid to cover community paramedicine services provided by emergency medical technicians or paramedics. Appropriates funds for ambulance services covered by medicaid. (SD1)

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