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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 ambulance services in

8 instances in which an ambulance has been called and

9 medical services have been rendered, but does not

10 result in a patient being transported; provided that

11 this paragraph shall only apply to ambulance services

12 provided within a county with a population of two

13 hundred thousand or more."

14 SECTION 2. Chapter 431, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is

15 amended by adding a new section to part I of article 10A to be

16 appropriately designated and to read as follows:



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

- 4        (1)    Provide coverage for ambulance services; and  
5        (2)    Also provide coverage for ambulance services in  
6        instances in which an ambulance has been called and  
7        medical services have been rendered, but does not  
8        result in a patient being transported; provided that  
9        this paragraph shall only apply to ambulance services  
10       provided within a county with a population of two  
11       hundred thousand or more."

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

15       "§432:1-        Coverage of ambulance services.    Each hospital  
16 or medical service plan contract issued or renewed in this State  
17 on or after January 1, 2020, shall:

- 18       (1)    Provide coverage for ambulance services; and  
19       (2)    Also provide coverage for ambulance services in  
20       instances in which an ambulance has been called and  
21       medical services have been rendered, but does not



1           result in a patient being transported; provided that  
2           this paragraph shall only apply to ambulance services  
3           provided within a county with a population of two  
4           hundred thousand or more."

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

7           "**§432D-23 Required provisions and benefits.**

8 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, each  
9 policy, contract, plan, or agreement issued in the State after  
10 January 1, 1995, by health maintenance organizations pursuant to  
11 this chapter, shall include benefits provided in sections  
12 431:10-212, 431:10A-115, 431:10A-115.5, 431:10A-116, 431:10A-  
13 116.2, 431:10A-116.5, 431:10A-116.6, 431:10A-119, 431:10A-120,  
14 431:10A-121, 431:10A-122, 431:10A-125, 431:10A-126, 431:10A-132,  
15 431:10A-133, 431:10A-140, [~~and~~] 431:10A-134, and 431:10A- ,  
16 and chapter 431M."

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

19           SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general  
20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so much  
21 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the



1 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
2 2020-2021 for coverage of ambulances services required or  
3 authorized under section 1 of this Act.

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

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

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

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# S.B. NO. 426

**Report Title:**

Health; Insurance; Medicaid; Ambulance Services

**Description:**

Requires medicaid and insurance coverage of ambulance services. Authorizes medicaid programs, and requires private insurers, to pay for ambulance services, even if the patient is not transported, if the patient was treated in a county with a population of 200,000 or more. Appropriates moneys for medicaid to cover ambulance services when a patient is not transported. Appropriates funds for ambulance services covered by medicaid.

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