
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CHILD WELLNESS.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) There is established a five-year child
2 wellness incentive pilot program within the department of human
3 services to ensure the health of children in Hawaii, including
4 early detection of potential illnesses.

5 (b) The pilot program shall pay \$50 to each state medicaid
6 benefit recipient for each completed well-child examination of
7 that recipient parent's child; provided that only one payment
8 may be made per child each year.

9 (c) The department of human services shall adopt rules
10 pursuant to chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to carry out
11 the purpose of this Act, including the schedule of routine well-
12 child examinations and the process by which recipient parents
13 may apply for program payments.

14 (d) The department of human services shall submit a report
15 of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed
16 legislation, regarding the child wellness incentive pilot
17 program to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to
18 the convening of the regular session of 2027. The report shall



1 include the effect of the pilot program on the number of well-
2 child examinations performed for children of state medicaid
3 benefit recipients and a recommendation of whether the pilot
4 program should be continued, modified, or terminated.

5 (e) For the purposes of this Act:

6 "Child" means an unmarried individual who is under eighteen
7 years of age. "Child" includes a stepchild and an adopted
8 child.

9 "Pilot program" means the five-year child wellness
10 incentive pilot program established by this Act.

11 "Well-child examination" means a routine examination of a
12 child performed by a licensed health care professional as part
13 of preventive pediatric care that includes a review of the
14 child's family-centered health history; a physical examination;
15 immunizations; a vision and hearing screening; a developmental
16 and behavioral assessment; an oral health risk assessment; a
17 social assessment; parenting education on a range of topics; and
18 care coordination, as needed. "Well-child examination" includes
19 well-child visits, well-care visits, and well-care checkups.

20 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$4,516,000 or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 to
2 establish, implement, and operate the child wellness incentive
3 pilot program.

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

6 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022, and
7 shall be repealed on June 30, 2027.



Report Title:

Department of Human Services; Child Wellness Incentive Pilot Program; Well-Child Examination; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes within the Department of Human Services, a five-year Child Wellness Incentive Pilot Program that pays \$50 to each state medicaid benefit recipient for each completed well-child examination of that recipient parent's child. Requires the Department of Human Services to adopt rules and report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Repeals 6/30/2027. (CD1)

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