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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.

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

1           SECTION 1. (a) The med-QUEST division of the department  
2 of human services shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91,  
3 Hawaii Revised Statutes, to authorize reimbursements for remote  
4 ultrasound procedures and remote fetal nonstress tests.

5           (b) The rules adopted pursuant to subsection (a) shall  
6 require that:

7           (1) Each remote ultrasound procedure or remote fetal  
8 nonstress test be reimbursed using the same current  
9 procedural terminology, or CPT, codes as if the  
10 procedure was performed in the clinic and the same  
11 standard of care is met; provided that any healthcare  
12 provider offering remote ultrasound or remote  
13 nonstress tests may also use other appropriate CPT  
14 codes for home visiting services, telehealth, or other  
15 remote services;

16           (2) Each applicable healthcare provider maintains the same  
17 standard of care that the provider would otherwise



1 exercise for an in-person ultrasound procedure or  
2 fetal nonstress test;

3 (3) Each remote ultrasound procedure or remote fetal  
4 nonstress test only be reimbursable if the applicable  
5 healthcare provider uses digital technology:

6 (A) To collect medical and other forms of health data  
7 from the patient and electronically and securely  
8 transmits that information to another healthcare  
9 provider in a different location for  
10 interpretation and to provide recommendations;

11 (B) That is compliant with the Health Insurance  
12 Portability and Accountability Act of 1996,  
13 P.L. 104-191, as amended; and

14 (C) That is approved by the United States Food and  
15 Drug Administration; and

16 (4) Each fetal nonstress test be reimbursed as an  
17 in-clinic fetal nonstress test with a place of service  
18 modifier for home (12) using remote monitoring  
19 solutions that are approved by the United States Food  
20 and Drug Administration for on-label use for



1 monitoring fetal heart rate, maternal heart rate, and  
2 uterine activity.

3 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.  
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**Report Title:**

DHS; Med-QUEST Division; Rulemaking; Reimbursements; Remote  
Ultrasound Procedures; Remote Fetal Nonstress Tests

**Description:**

Requires the Med-QUEST Division of the Department of Human  
Services to adopt rules authorizing reimbursements for remote  
ultrasound procedures and remote fetal nonstress tests.

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