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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 be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§346- Coverage of ambulance services. Beginning on
5 January 1, 2024, the State's medicaid program:

- 6 (1) Shall provide coverage for ambulance services; and
7 (2) May also provide coverage for community paramedicine
8 services rendered statewide by emergency medical
9 technicians or paramedics."

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

13 "§431:10A- Coverage of ambulance and emergency medical
14 services. Each individual or group policy of accident and
15 health or sickness insurance issued or renewed in this State on
16 or after January 1, 2024, shall provide coverage for:

- 17 (1) Ambulance services; and



1 (2) Community paramedicine services rendered statewide by
2 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 I to be
5 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

6 "§432:1- Coverage of ambulance and emergency medical
7 services. Each individual and group hospital or medical service
8 plan contract issued or renewed in this State on or after
9 January 1, 2024, shall provide coverage for:

- 10 (1) Ambulance services; and
11 (2) Community paramedicine services rendered statewide by
12 emergency medical technicians or paramedics."

13 SECTION 4. Chapter 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. There is appropriated out of the general
 5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
 6 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and
 7 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
 8 year 2024-2025 to comply with collectively bargained for
 9 requirements and personnel costs arising from the coverage of
 10 ambulances services required or authorized under section 1 of
 11 this Act.

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

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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

16 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023;
 17 provided that section 1 shall take effect upon approval of the
 18 Hawaii medicaid state plan by the centers for medicare and
 19 medical services.

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S.B. NO. 169

Report Title:

Health; Medicaid; Insurance; Ambulance Services; Appropriation

Description:

Requires Medicaid and private insurance coverage of ambulance services. Authorizes Medicaid programs, and requires private insurers, to cover community paramedicine services rendered statewide by emergency medical technicians or paramedics. Appropriates funds.

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