

MEDICAL CANNABIS INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT (MCIR) WORKING GROUP

Act 161 (SB2488 SD2 HD1 CD1) Session Laws of Hawai'i 2018

Notice of Meeting

DATE: Tues. October 23, 2018
TIME: 2:00PM
LOCATION: Hawai'i State Capitol, CR229

Act 161 established the medical cannabis insurance reimbursement working group to address the complexities surrounding the topic of making medical cannabis reimbursable by health insurance. The working group is tasked with exploring options and make recommendations on the following issues:

- Actions taken in other states;
- Potential parallel reimbursement models for other types of non-prescription therapies;
- Associated liability issues for health plans;
- Potential impact on insurance premiums;
- Insurance riders for alternative therapies, which could serve as a model for medical cannabis reimbursement; and
- Other relevant issues that may arise, at the discretion of the working group.

Act 161 designates the following persons to serve as members to the working group:

- Chair of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health (CPH), or designee, to serve as Co-Chair
- Chair of the House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce (CPC) or designee, to serve as Co-Chair
- Chair of the House Committee on Health and Human Services (HHS);
- A member of the Senate selected by the President of the Senate to serve on the working group;
- Insurance Commissioner;
- Administrator of the Department of Human Services, Med-QUEST Division;
- One representative each from the following, to serve at the invitation of the chairs of the working group:
 - A mutual benefit society;
 - A health maintenance organization;
 - A Medicaid managed care plan; and
 - A licensed medical cannabis dispensary; and
 - Two participants in Hawai'i's medical cannabis program, one of whom is a qualifying patient eighteen years of age or older, and one of whom is a parent or legal guardian of a qualifying patient who is under the age of ten.

AGENDA

- Introduction of Members
- Dept. of Health: The Medical Cannabis Program in Hawai'i
- Pono Life Sciences: Rising Above the Opioid Crisis
- Questions from Working Group Members
- Next steps and Announcements
- Adjournment

*The next working group meeting will be held on Friday November 9, 2018 in **CR 325***

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