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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES.

**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 be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4       "§346-       Chiropractic coverage under medical assistance  
5 programs. (a) For purposes of medical assistance programs,  
6 including medicaid and QUEST under section 346-14(7),  
7 chiropractic, as defined in section 442-1, administered by a  
8 person licensed to practice chiropractic under section 442-2,  
9 shall be covered; provided that the department may negotiate  
10 rates, or establish payment and reimbursement rates, as  
11 appropriate.

12       (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the  
13 department shall make appropriate adjustments to the rate of  
14 payment per participating recipient paid to health maintenance  
15 organizations and prepaid health plans pursuant to section  
16 346-59(d), to allow QUEST recipients to receive coverage for  
17 chiropractic as required by this section. Health maintenance  
18 organizations and prepaid health plans shall not be required to



1 extend chiropractic coverage to QUEST recipients until the  
2 department adjusts the rate of payment per participating  
3 recipient."

4 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$700,000 or so much  
6 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for the  
7 purposes of section 1 of this Act.

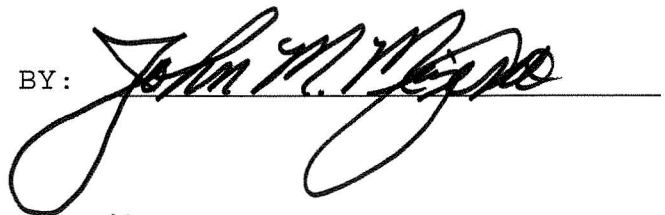
8 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
9 human services for the purposes of section 1 of this Act.

10 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008, and  
12 shall be repealed on January 1, 2011.

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INTRODUCED BY:



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**Report Title:**

Chiropractic Care; Med-Quest; Medicaid

**Description:**

Requires Med-QUEST and Medicaid coverage for chiropractic care. Requires the Department of Human Services to pass funding on to QUEST plans to implement the services. Appropriates funds.

