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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. The legislature has historically recognized the
2 importance of making medicaid coverage available for the State's
3 most vulnerable populations, and has acted to ensure that health
4 care payments made with state funds or controlled by the State
5 are sufficient to cover the actual costs of the care provided.
6 Through the continued efforts of Hawaii's congressional
7 delegation, a federal medicaid disproportionate share hospital
8 appropriation of \$12,500,000 has been secured for Hawaii. These
9 funds cannot be expended without a matching state appropriation.
10 Together, the combined state and federal funding shall help to
11 provide continuing health care in our communities.

12 The purpose of this Act is to meet rising health care costs
13 and ensure that Hawaii's residents have continued access to
14 quality health care by appropriating state funds to maximize the
15 availability of the federal disproportionate share hospital
16 allowance.



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1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
 2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$10,181,909 or so
 3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010 to
 4 maximize the availability of the federal disproportionate share
 5 hospital allowance to the State.

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

8 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009.
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Report Title:

Medicaid; Federal Funds; Disproportionate Share Hospital Allowance Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates money to match federal funds for medicaid.

