
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 431, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to article 10A to be
3 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

4 "§431:10A- Coverage for tobacco use cessation. (a) All
5 individual and group hospital and medical service contracts that
6 provide health care coverage shall provide coverage without co-
7 payments or deductibles for tobacco use cessation by all of the
8 methods specified by the United States Preventative Services
9 Task Force, including:

- 10 (1) Telephone, individual, and group counseling and
11 intervention sessions;
12 (2) Coverage for prescription and over-the-counter
13 nicotine replacement products and tobacco use
14 cessation medications approved by the United States
15 Food and Drug Administration; and
16 (3) Counseling and medication coverage for tobacco use
17 cessation attempts.



1 (b) Beginning March 1, 2012, policy information for every
2 policy of accident and health or sickness insurance issued in
3 this State shall include information about the risk associated
4 with smoking and tobacco usage and shall encourage the insured
5 to consult with the insured's physician about available smoking
6 and tobacco use cessation options."

7 SECTION 2. Chapter 432, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8 amended by adding a new section to article 1 to be appropriately
9 designated and to read as follows:

10 "§432:1- Coverage for tobacco use cessation. (a) All
11 mutual benefit societies that provide health care coverage shall
12 provide coverage without co-payments or deductibles for tobacco
13 use cessation by all of the methods specified by the United
14 States Preventative Services Task Force, including:

- 15 (1) Telephone, individual, and group counseling and
16 intervention sessions;
17 (2) Coverage for prescription and over-the-counter
18 nicotine replacement products and tobacco use
19 cessation medications approved by the United States
20 Food and Drug Administration; and
21 (3) Counseling and medication coverage for tobacco use
22 cessation attempts.



1 (b) Beginning March 1, 2012, policy information for every
2 policy of accident and health or sickness insurance issued in
3 this State shall include information about the risk associated
4 with smoking and tobacco usage and shall encourage the insured
5 to consult with the insured's physician about available smoking
6 and tobacco use cessation options."

7 SECTION 3. Chapter 432, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8 amended by adding a new section to article 2 to be appropriately
9 designated and to read as follows:

10 "§432:2- Coverage for tobacco use cessation. (a) All
11 fraternal benefit societies that provide health care coverage
12 shall provide coverage without co-payments or deductibles for
13 tobacco use cessation by all of the methods specified by the
14 United States Preventative Services Task Force, including:

- 15 (1) Telephone, individual, and group counseling and
16 intervention sessions;
17 (2) Coverage for prescription and over-the-counter
18 nicotine replacement products and tobacco use
19 cessation medications approved by the United States
20 Food and Drug Administration; and
21 (3) Counseling and medication coverage for tobacco use
22 cessation attempts.



1 (b) Beginning March 1, 2012, policy information for every
2 policy of accident and health or sickness insurance issued in
3 this State shall include information about the risk associated
4 with smoking and tobacco usage and shall encourage the insured
5 to consult with the insured's physician about available smoking
6 and tobacco use cessation options."

7 SECTION 4. Section 432D-23, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 **"§432D-23 Required provisions and benefits.**

10 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, each
11 policy, contract, plan, or agreement issued in the State after
12 January 1, 1995, by health maintenance organizations pursuant to
13 this chapter, shall include benefits provided in sections
14 431:10-212, 431:10A-115, 431:10A-115.5, 431:10A-116,
15 431:10A-116.5, 431:10A-116.6, 431:10A-119, 431:10A-120,
16 431:10A-121, 431:10A-125, 431:10A-126, [~~and~~] 431:10A-122, and
17 431:10A- , and chapter 431M."

18 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
19 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

20 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

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Report Title:

Health Insurance; Tobacco Use Cessation

Description:

Requires health insurers to provide coverage without co-payments or deductibles for specified types of tobacco use cessation methods. Effective date 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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