
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 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:

10 (1) Chiropractic coverage under this section shall be
11 limited to twenty-four visits per calendar year; and

12 (2) The department may negotiate rates, or establish
13 payment and reimbursement rates, as appropriate.

14 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the
15 department shall make appropriate adjustments to the rate of
16 payment per participating recipient on amounts paid to health
17 maintenance organizations and prepaid health plans pursuant to



1 section 346-59(d), to allow for chiropractic coverage to QUEST
2 recipients for chiropractic services as required by this
3 section. Health maintenance organizations and prepaid health
4 plans shall not be required to increase coverage to QUEST
5 recipients for chiropractic coverage administered to QUEST
6 recipients until the department makes adjustments to the rate of
7 payment per participating recipient amounts."

8 SECTION 2. The department of human services shall submit a
9 request to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to
10 amend the state medicaid plan to include chiropractic services
11 as a benefit as provided in section 1 of this Act, to allow the
12 State to receive federal reimbursement. The department of human
13 services shall report to the legislature upon receiving a
14 response from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on
15 the requested amendment to the state medicaid plan.

16 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
18 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for
19 the purposes of section 1 of this Act.

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



1 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

2 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2017;

3 provided that section 3 shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____

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H.B. NO. 1599

Report Title:

Chiropractic Care; QUEST; Medicaid; Appropriation

Description:

Requires QUEST and Medicaid coverage for chiropractic care, limited to 24 visits per calendar year. Appropriates moneys.

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