
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
18 section 346-59(d), to allow for chiropractic coverage to QUEST



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

7 (c) Coverage for chiropractic services under this section
8 shall be limited to the chiropractic services approved by the
9 United States Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in the
10 state plan amendment."

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

19 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
21 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 to provide



1 chiropractic services under QUEST and Medicaid; provided that
2 the moneys appropriated shall only be expended on chiropractic
3 services that are approved by the United States Centers for
4 Medicare and Medicaid. Services in the state plan amendment for
5 the State of Hawaii.

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

8 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050, and
10 upon approval of a state medicaid plan amendment pursuant to
11 section 2 of this Act.



Report Title:

Chiropractic Care; QUEST; Medicaid

Description:

Requires QUEST and Medicaid coverage for chiropractic care, limited to 24 visits per calendar year, upon approval of a state medicaid plan amendment to that effect. Makes an appropriation. Takes effect on 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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