
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that long-term care
2 facilities in the State face major financial challenges in
3 providing quality health care for Hawaii residents. These
4 challenges are largely the result of payments for medicaid
5 enrollees that do not cover the actual costs of care. Long-term
6 care facilities have not received an inflationary update to
7 their reimbursement rates for a number of years and, as such,
8 have seen the gap between costs and reimbursements widen
9 considerably. The financial effect is further magnified by the
10 fact that roughly seventy per cent of patients in long-term care
11 facilities are covered by the state medicaid program.

12 The purpose of this Act is to preserve access to health
13 care for medicaid recipients by providing an inflationary
14 adjustment to the long-term care reimbursement methodology used
15 to reimburse facilities for medicaid recipients.



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1 SECTION 2. Chapter 346D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
 2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
 3 and to read as follows:

4 "§346D- Inflationary adjustment. (a) The department of
 5 human services shall recognize an annual cost increase to a
 6 long-term care facility's provider-specific prospective payment
 7 rate by applying an inflation adjustment to the provider's
 8 historical costs or basic prospective payment system rates.

9 (b) The annual inflation factor shall be the rate approved
 10 by the federal government in the medicaid state plan.

11 (c) The cost increase shall only apply for fiscal year
 12 2016-2017."

13 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Long-term Care Facilities; Cost Increase; Inflationary Adjustment

Description:

Provides an inflationary adjustment to the methodology used to reimburse facilities for the long-term care of medicaid recipients for fiscal year 2016-2017.

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