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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 finds that Act 251, Session  
2 Laws of Hawaii 1997 (Act 251), provided much demanded and much  
3 needed amendments to the motor vehicle insurance law to reduce  
4 motor vehicle insurance premiums and preserve adequate  
5 protection of the rights of drivers. One provision in Act 251  
6 tied all provider fees to the medicare fee schedule used under  
7 workers' compensation law and set the benefit for chiropractic  
8 and acupuncture treatments at thirty visits at no more than \$75  
9 per visit. Acupuncture codes were not included in the medicare  
10 fee schedule as of the effective date of Act 251, and  
11 acupuncturists were therefore placed under the same restrictions  
12 as chiropractors. The benefit allowed for acupuncture  
13 treatments has not increased in nearly twenty years, while rates  
14 for other services, such as physical therapy and medical office  
15 visits, have increased over the years.

16           The purpose of this Act is to:



1           (1) Specify that the authorized benefit for acupuncture  
2           treatments allowed under personal injury protection  
3           benefits provided through motor vehicle insurance  
4           shall be capped at thirty visits and tied to the  
5           charges, and any subsequent increases in charges,  
6           permissible under the workers' compensation  
7           supplemental medical fee schedule; and

8           (2) Clarify that the combined total of naturopathic and  
9           chiropractic treatments allowed under personal injury  
10          protection benefits provided through motor vehicle  
11          insurance may not exceed thirty visits.

12          SECTION 2. Section 431:10C-103.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
13          is amended as follows:

14          1. By amending subsection (c) to read:

15          "(c) Acupuncture treatments shall be allowed for no more  
16          than thirty visits [~~at no more than \$75 a visit~~]. The charges  
17          for acupuncture treatments under this section shall be tied to  
18          the charges, and any subsequent increases in charges,  
19          permissible under the workers' compensation supplemental medical  
20          fee schedule."

21          2. By amending subsection (e) to read:



1        "(e) The combined total of naturopathic~~[7]~~ and  
2        chiropractic~~[7 and acupuncture]~~ treatments may not exceed thirty  
3        visits."

4        SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
5        and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

6        SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2112.

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**Report Title:**

Motor Vehicle Insurance; Personal Injury Protection Benefits;  
Acupuncture Treatments

**Description:**

Specifies that the authorized benefit for acupuncture treatments allowed under personal injury protection benefits provided through motor vehicle insurance shall be capped at thirty visits and tied to the charges, and any subsequent increases in charges, permissible under the workers' compensation supplemental medical fee schedule. Clarifies that the combined total of naturopathic and chiropractic treatments allowed under personal injury protection benefits provided through motor vehicle insurance may not exceed thirty visits. Effective 7/1/2112. (SD1)

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