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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION.

**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-       Opioid dependency; treatment; buprenorphine;  
5 coverage. (a) Prescription drug coverage provided under the  
6 State's medicaid managed care and fee-for-service programs shall  
7 include prescription drug coverage for buprenorphine, when used  
8 in the treatment of opioid dependency.

9           (b) Buprenorphine prescriptions under this section shall  
10 be exempt from any copayment requirements and any prior  
11 authorization requirements.

12           (c) For the purposes of this section, "buprenorphine"  
13 means a schedule III drug included in section 329-18, which is  
14 used in the treatment of opioid dependency."

15           SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

16           SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;  
17 provided that section 1 shall take effect upon approval of the



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- 1 Hawaii medicaid state plan by the Centers for Medicare and
- 2 Medicaid Services.
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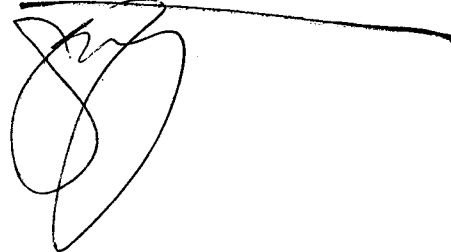














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**Report Title:**

Prescription Medication; Med-QUEST; Medicaid; Buprenorphine;  
Opioid Dependency; Treatment; Coverage

**Description:**

Requires prescription drug coverage provided under the State's medicaid managed care and fee-for-service programs to include prescription drug coverage for buprenorphine, when used in the treatment of opioid dependency. Requires prescriptions for buprenorphine to be offered without copayments and without the need for prior authorization.

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