A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

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

"§346- Coverage of ambulance services. Beginning on January 1, 2020, the State's medicaid programs:

(1) Shall provide coverage for ambulance services; and

(2) May also provide coverage for ambulance services in instances in which an ambulance has been called and medical services have been rendered, but does not result in a patient being transported; provided that this paragraph shall only apply to ambulance services provided within a county with a population of two hundred thousand or more."

SECTION 2. Chapter 431, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to part I of article 10A to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:
"§431:10A- Coverage of ambulance services. Each policy of accident and health or sickness insurance issued or renewed in this State on or after January 1, 2020, shall:

(1) Provide coverage for ambulance services; and
(2) Also provide coverage for ambulance services in instances in which an ambulance has been called and medical services have been rendered, but does not result in a patient being transported; provided that this paragraph shall only apply to ambulance services provided within a county with a population of two hundred thousand or more."

SECTION 3. Chapter 432, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to part VI of article 1 to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"§432:1- Coverage of ambulance services. Each hospital or medical service plan contract issued or renewed in this State on or after January 1, 2020, shall:

(1) Provide coverage for ambulance services; and
(2) Also provide coverage for ambulance services in instances in which an ambulance has been called and medical services have been rendered, but does not
result in a patient being transported; provided that this paragraph shall only apply to ambulance services provided within a county with a population of two hundred thousand or more."

SECTION 4. Section 432D-23, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:


and chapter 431M."

SECTION 5. Section 23-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall not apply to this Act.

SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of $1,000,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the
same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
2020-2021 for coverage of ambulances services required or
authorized under section 1 of this Act.

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

SECTION 7. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

INTRODUCED BY: 

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Report Title:
Health; Insurance; Medicaid; Ambulance Services; Appropriation

Description:
Requires medicaid and insurance coverage of ambulance services. Authorizes medicaid programs, and requires private insurers, to pay for ambulance services, even if the patient is not transported, if the patient was treated in a county with a population of 200,000 or more. Appropriates moneys for medicaid to cover ambulance services when a patient is not transported. Appropriates funds for ambulance services covered by medicaid.

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