A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER.

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 II to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"§346— Home and community-based services waiver program for children with autism spectrum disorder. (a) The med-QUEST division of the department shall seek a state plan waiver from the Secretary of Health and Human Services pursuant to 42 U.S.C. section 1396n to establish a home and community-based services waiver program for children diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder.

(b) Eligibility for participation in the program shall be limited to an individual who:

(1) Is from two through twenty-one years old;

(2) Has been diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder;

(3) Requires services from an intermediate care facility for the intellectually disabled;
(4) Has an individual family service plan or individualized education program with fifteen hours of special education and related issues;

(5) Is able to be served in the home and community with services provided through this program;

(6) Has a monthly income that does not exceed three hundred per cent of benefits under the Supplemental Security Income program, and whose countable assets do not exceed the applicable limits under the Supplemental Security Income program; and

(7) Meets any additional medical or financial criteria established by the department by rule pursuant to chapter 91."

SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
Report Title:
Med-QUEST; Autism Waiver; Home and Community-Based Services

Description:
Requires Med-QUEST to seek a state plan waiver to establish a home and community-based services program for individuals with an autism spectrum disorder.

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