
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to part XVIII to be
3 appropriately designated and to read as follows:
4 "§321- Emergency medical services; fees. (a) The
5 department may establish reasonable fees to be collected from
6 individuals who are:
7 (1) Transported by emergency ambulance services to any
8 medical facility; or
9 (2) Provided emergency medical services by emergency
10 medical services personnel as part of a community
11 paramedicine program, including evaluations and
12 treatment, but are not subsequently transported to a
13 medical facility.
14 (b) All fees collected pursuant to this section shall be
15 deposited to the credit of the emergency medical services
16 special fund established pursuant to section 321-234.



1 (c) The department may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91
2 necessary for the purpose of this section and to set reasonable
3 fees."

4 SECTION 2. Chapter 346, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately
6 designated and to read as follows:

7 "§346- Coverage of ambulance services. Beginning on
8 January 1, 2020, the State's medicaid programs:

- 9 (1) Shall provide coverage for ambulance services; and
10 (2) May provide coverage for statewide community
11 paramedicine services rendered by emergency medical
12 technicians or paramedics."

13 SECTION 3. Chapter 431, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended by adding a new section to part I of article 10A to be
15 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

16 "§431:10A-A Coverage of ambulance services. Each
17 individual policy of accident and health or sickness insurance
18 issued or renewed in this State on or after January 1, 2020,
19 shall provide coverage for:

- 20 (1) Ambulance services; and



1 (2) Statewide services rendered by emergency medical
2 technicians or paramedics."

3 SECTION 4. Chapter 431, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by adding a new section to part II of article 10A to be
5 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

6 "§431:10A-B Coverage of ambulance services. Each group
7 policy of accident and health or sickness insurance issued or
8 renewed in this State on or after January 1, 2020, shall provide
9 coverage for:

10 (1) Ambulance services; and

11 (2) Statewide services rendered by emergency medical
12 technicians or paramedics."

13 SECTION 5. Chapter 432, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended by adding a new section to part VI of article 1 to be
15 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

16 "§432:1- Coverage of ambulance services. Each hospital
17 or medical service plan contract issued or renewed in this State
18 on or after January 1, 2020, shall provide coverage for:

19 (1) Ambulance services; and

20 (2) Statewide community paramedicine services rendered by
21 emergency medical technicians or paramedics."



1 SECTION 6. Section 321-233, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "~~§~~321-233~~§~~ Rules. (a) The director of health may
4 adopt, amend, and repeal rules necessary to the implementation
5 of this part, subject to chapter 91.

6 (b) Rules adopted pursuant to this section shall include
7 provisions permitting and regulating the transportation of
8 individuals to medical facilities including but not limited to
9 hospital emergency departments, trauma centers, urgent care
10 clinics, freestanding surgical centers, and other medical
11 facilities licensed by the department."

12 SECTION 7. Section 432D-23, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 "~~§~~432D-23 Required provisions and benefits.

15 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, each
16 policy, contract, plan, or agreement issued in the State after
17 January 1, 1995, by health maintenance organizations pursuant to
18 this chapter, shall include benefits provided in sections
19 431:10-212, 431:10A-115, 431:10A-115.5, 431:10A-116,
20 431:10A-116.2, 431:10A-116.5, 431:10A-116.6, 431:10A-119,
21 431:10A-120, 431:10A-121, 431:10A-122, 431:10A-125, 431:10A-126,



1 431:10A-132, 431:10A-133, 431:10A-134, 431:10A-140, [and
2 ~~431:10A-134~~,] and 431:10A-A, and chapter 431M."

3 SECTION 8. Section 23-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall
4 not apply to this Act.

5 SECTION 9. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
6 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 10. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Emergency Ambulance Services; Emergency Medical Services; Fees; Insurance Coverage

Description:

Authorizes the department of health to establish fees for transportation to medical facilities and for provision of emergency medical services that do not include transport. Authorizes transportation by ambulance to medical facilities other than hospital emergency departments. Requires Medicaid and private insurance coverage of ambulance services. Authorizes Medicaid programs, and requires private insurers, to provide coverage for statewide community paramedicine services rendered by emergency medical technicians or paramedics. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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