
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DENTAL CARE.

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

1 SECTION 1. In 2006, the legislature appropriated funds to
2 the department of human services to restore specific preventive
3 and restorative dental services for eligible persons twenty-one
4 years of age or older under the State's medicaid and QUEST
5 programs. Previously, dental coverage for eligible adults was
6 limited to dental emergencies. According to a recent department
7 of health report, each eligible adult can receive specific
8 preventive and restorative services, including dentures,
9 equivalent to \$500. However, this does not include coverage for
10 endodontic, root canals, crowns, elective procedures, or
11 periodontal surgery. Also, partial and full dentures generally
12 cost more than \$500.

13 The purpose of this Act is to:

14 (1) Expand coverage under medicaid and QUEST to include
15 comprehensive dental care coverage for eligible
16 persons twenty-one years of age or older and to



1 appropriate funds to provide the additional coverage;
 2 and
 3 (2) Appropriate funds for hospital dentistry for the
 4 developmentally disabled in the county of Hawaii.

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

8 "§346- Dental care coverage. The department shall
 9 provide comprehensive coverage to medicaid and QUEST recipients
 10 for dental care administered by licensed practitioners under
 11 chapters 447 and 448.

12 The department shall administer this benefit in a manner
 13 that meets federal requirements that are a condition of the
 14 receipt of federal funds by the State.

15 For purposes of this section "comprehensive coverage" means
 16 the dental benefit as defined in the Hawaii state plan for
 17 medicaid."

18 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
 19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$30,000,000 or so
 20 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 and
 21 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
 22 year 2008-2009 to expand coverage under medicaid and QUEST to



1 include comprehensive dental care coverage for persons twenty-
2 one years of age or older.

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

5 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
7 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 and the
8 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
9 2008-2009 for hospital dentistry for the developmentally
10 disabled community in the county of Hawaii.

11 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the dental
12 division of the department of health for the purposes of this
13 Act.

14 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.



Report Title:

Medical Assistance; Adult Dental Care

Description:

Expands coverage under the State's medicaid and QUEST programs to include comprehensive dental care for adults and appropriates funds to provide the additional coverage. Appropriates funds for hospital dentistry for the developmentally disabled in the County of Hawaii. (HB325 HD1)

