

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.

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

SECTION 1. Section 346-37, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 1 2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows: If a recipient under this chapter dies leaving an 3 estate and does not have a surviving spouse, child, father, 4 5 mother, grandfather, grandmother, grandchild, stepfather, stepmother, or any designated heir, the department shall have a 6 valid claim against the estate for the amount of social services 7 8 overpayments, financial assistance overpayments, or burial 9 payments granted. 10 The department shall file a claim against the estate of a deceased recipient of medical assistance for the amount of 11 12 medical assistance granted[7] only if [the recipient was age fifty-five or over when such medical assistance was received and 13 14 there is no surviving spouse, or surviving child who is under twenty-one years of age, or blind, or disabled. The department 15 16 shall file a claim against the estate of a recipient of medical assistance who was]: 17

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1	<u>(1)</u>	The amount of the claim is entirely for long-term care
2		services, including those services received as an
3		inpatient in a nursing facility, intermediate care
4		facility for individuals with intellectual
5		disabilities, or other medical institution [only if
6		there]; and
7	(2)	There is no surviving spouse or surviving child who is
8		under twenty-one years of age, or blind, or disabled."
9	SECT	TION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
10	and stric	ken. New statutory material is underscored.
11	SECT	TION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Medical Assistance; Medicaid; Estate Recovery of Assets; Long-Term Care Costs

Description:

Limits DHS claims for the recovery of medical assistance payments from the estates of deceased recipients to payments made for long-term care services.

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