A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MEDICAID.

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

1	SECTION 1. The department of human services and department
2	of health shall collaborate with the Healthcare Association of
3	Hawaii, the Hawaii Long Term Care Association, nursing facility
4	providers, and home- and community-based service providers,
5	including adult residential care homes, foster family homes, and
6	developmental disabilities adult foster homes, to develop a
7	revised methodology for determining the level of acuity of
8	nursing facility residents who are medicaid recipients,
9	including those with complex medical conditions, to set
10	reimbursements at levels that are fair and equitable. The
11	department of human services, department of health, and the
12	collaborating organizations and providers shall submit to the
13	legislature a joint report containing findings, recommendations,
14	and an implementation plan no later than twenty days prior to
15	the convening of the regular session of 2014.
16	SECTION 2. The department of human services and department

17 of health shall develop an equitable referral system relating to

18 the discharge of all patients from hospitals, nursing homes, and HB HMS 2013-1305



- 1 long-term care facilities based on the patient's acuity level
- 2 for proper placement in either an adult residential care home,
- 3 community care foster family home, developmental disabilities
- 4 adult foster home, or an expanded adult residential care home.
- 5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Medicaid

Description:

Requires the Department of Human Services and Department of Health to collaborate with private entities to develop a revised methodology for determining the level of acuity of nursing facility residents who are Medicaid recipients to set reimbursements at levels that are fair and equitable. Requires the Department of Human Services and Department of Health to develop an equitable referral system relating to the discharge of all patients based on the patient's acuity level.

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