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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INSURANCE.

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

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 431, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new part to article 10E to be appropriately  
3 designated and to read as follows:

4                                   "PART           .   COVERAGES

5           §431:10E-    **Notice requirement.** Thirteen months prior to  
6 discontinuation of writing property insurance coverage, an  
7 insurer shall file an affidavit with the commissioner stating  
8 the reasons for the discontinuation.

9           §431:10E-    **Extended coverage.** Authorization of the  
10 commissioner is required for insurers seeking to provide  
11 standard extended coverage endorsements for residential  
12 property, including coverage of hurricane risks."

13           SECTION 2. Section 431:2D-107, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
14 amended by amending subsection (g) to read as follows:

15           "(g)(1) Except as provided in subsections (h) and (i), an  
16 insurance compliance self-evaluative audit is  
17 privileged information and is not discoverable or  
18 admissible as evidence in any legal action in any



1 civil, criminal, or administrative proceeding. The  
2 privilege created herein is a matter of substantive  
3 law of this State and is not merely a procedural  
4 matter governing civil or criminal procedures in the  
5 courts of this State;

6 (2) If any company, person, or entity performs or directs  
7 the performance of an insurance compliance audit, an  
8 officer, employee, or agent involved with the  
9 insurance audit, or any consultant who is hired for  
10 the purpose of performing the insurance compliance  
11 audit may not be examined in any civil, criminal, or  
12 administrative proceeding as to the insurance  
13 compliance audit or any insurance compliance self-  
14 evaluative audit document, as defined in this section.  
15 This subsection does not apply if the privilege set  
16 forth in [~~subsection (g) (1) of this section~~] paragraph  
17 (1) is determined under subsection (h) or (i) not to  
18 apply;

19 (3) A company may voluntarily submit, in connection with  
20 examinations conducted under this article, an  
21 insurance compliance self-evaluative audit document to



1 the commissioner or the commissioner's designee, as a  
2 confidential document under this section without  
3 waiving the privilege set forth in this section to  
4 which the company would otherwise be entitled;  
5 provided[~~, however,~~] that the provisions in this  
6 section permitting the commissioner to make  
7 confidential documents public pursuant to this section  
8 and access to the National Association of Insurance  
9 Commissioners shall not apply to the insurance  
10 compliance self-evaluative audit document under other  
11 provisions of applicable law, any such report  
12 furnished to the commissioner shall not be provided to  
13 any other persons or [+]~~entities~~[+] and shall be  
14 accorded the same confidentiality and other  
15 protections as provided above for voluntarily  
16 submitted documents. Any use of an insurance  
17 compliance self-evaluative audit document [~~furnished~~  
18 ~~as a result of the~~] shall be limited to determining  
19 whether or not any disclosed defects in an insurer's  
20 policies and procedures or inappropriate treatment of



1 customers has been remedied or that an appropriate  
2 [~~plan for their~~] remedy is in place.

3 A company's insurance compliance self-evaluative  
4 audit document submitted to the commissioner shall  
5 remain subject to all applicable statutory or common  
6 law privileges including, but not limited to, the work  
7 product doctrine, attorney-client privilege, or the  
8 subsequent remedial measures exclusion.

9 Any compliance self-evaluative audit document so  
10 submitted and in the possession of the commissioner  
11 shall remain the property of the company and shall not  
12 be subject to any disclosure or production under  
13 chapter [~~927~~] 92F;

14 (4) Disclosure of an insurance compliance self-evaluative  
15 audit document to a governmental agency, whether  
16 voluntary or pursuant to compulsion of law, shall not  
17 constitute a waiver of the privilege set forth in  
18 [~~subsection (g)(1)~~] paragraph (1) with respect to any  
19 other persons or any other governmental agencies."

20 SECTION 3. Section 431:7-201, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
21 amended to read as follows:



1           "§431:7-201 Annual and monthly tax statements. (a) Each  
2 authorized insurer shall electronically file with the  
3 commissioner annually, on or before March 1 in each year, a  
4 statement signed by a duly authorized person on its behalf,  
5 setting forth the total business transacted, and the amount of  
6 gross premiums reported by the insurer, pursuant to section  
7 431:7-202, during the year ending on the preceding December 31,  
8 from all risks or property resident, situated, or located within  
9 this State, together with such other information as may be  
10 required by the commissioner to determine the taxability of  
11 premiums. The term "gross premiums" as used in this part shall  
12 not include consideration paid for annuities.

13           (b) Each authorized insurer shall electronically file with  
14 the commissioner monthly, on or before the twentieth day of the  
15 calendar month following the month in which the taxes accrue, a  
16 statement signed by a duly authorized person on its behalf,  
17 setting forth the total business transacted and the amount of  
18 gross premiums reported by the insurer, pursuant to section  
19 431:7-202, during the month from all risks or property resident,  
20 situated, or located within this State, together with other



1 information as may be required by the commissioner to determine  
2 the taxability of premiums.

3 (c) Any insurer failing or refusing to electronically file  
4 the annual tax statement on or before March 1, or the monthly  
5 statement on or before the twentieth day of the calendar month  
6 following the month in which the taxes accrue, shall be liable  
7 for a fine in an amount not less than \$100 and not more than  
8 \$500 for each day of delinquency."

9 SECTION 4. Section 431:7-202, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
10 amended by amending subsection (f) to read as follows:

11 "(f) The taxes imposed by subsections (a), (b), (c), and  
12 (d) shall be paid monthly. The monthly tax shall be due and  
13 payable by electronic payment via the Automated Clearing House  
14 debit or credit payment system on or before the twentieth day of  
15 the calendar month following the month in which it accrues,  
16 coinciding with the filing of the statement provided for in  
17 section 431:7-201.

18 In addition to the monthly tax and monthly tax statement,  
19 the annual tax shall be due and payable by electronic payment  
20 via the Automated Clearing House debit or credit payment system



1 on or before March 1 coinciding with the filing of the statement  
2 provided for in section 431:7-201.

3 All amounts paid under this subsection, other than fines,  
4 shall be allowed as a credit on the annual tax imposed by  
5 subsections (a), (b), (c), and (d).

6 If the total amount of installment payments for any  
7 calendar year exceeds the amount of annual tax for that year,  
8 the excess shall be treated as an overpayment of the annual tax  
9 and be allowed as a refund under section 431:7-203.

10 Any insurer failing or refusing to pay the required taxes  
11 above stated when due and payable shall be liable for a fine of  
12 \$500 or ten per cent of the tax due, whichever is greater; plus  
13 interest at a rate of twelve per cent per annum on the  
14 delinquent taxes. The taxes may be collected by distraint, or  
15 the taxes, fine, and interest may be recovered by an action to  
16 be instituted by the commissioner in the name of this State, in  
17 any court of competent jurisdiction. The commissioner may  
18 suspend the certificate of authority of the delinquent insurer  
19 until the taxes, fine, and interest, should any be imposed, are  
20 fully paid.



1        As used in this subsection, "Automated Clearing House debit  
2 or credit payment system" means the network for the interbank  
3 clearing of electronic payments for participating depository  
4 financial institutions."

5        SECTION 5. Section 431:10-104, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7        "§431:10-104 **General readability requirements.** In addition  
8 to any other requirements of law, no contract shall be delivered  
9 or issued for delivery in this State unless:

10        (1) The text is in plain language, achieving a minimum  
11 score of forty on the Flesch reading ease test or an  
12 equivalent score on any other comparable test  
13 prescribed by the commissioner under section 431:10-  
14 105(a);

15        (2) The contract is printed, except for specification  
16 pages, schedules, and tables, in not less than ten  
17 point type, one point leaded;

18        (3) The style, arrangement, and general appearance of the  
19 contract [~~gives~~] give no undue prominence to any  
20 endorsements, riders, or other portions of the text;  
21        [~~and~~]



1 (4) A table of contents or index of principal sections is  
 2 provided with the contract when the text consists of  
 3 more than three thousand words printed on three or  
 4 less pages or when the text has more than three pages  
 5 regardless of the total number of printed words[-];  
 6 and

7 (5) For any short-term health insurance policies that  
 8 impose preexisting conditions provisions, any policy,  
 9 application, or sales brochure shall disclose in a  
 10 conspicuous manner in not less than fourteen point  
 11 bold face type the following statement:

12 "THIS POLICY EXCLUDES COVERAGE FOR CONDITIONS FOR  
 13 WHICH MEDICAL ADVICE, DIAGNOSIS, CARE, OR TREATMENT  
 14 WAS RECOMMENDED OR RECEIVED DURING THE [insert  
 15 exclusion period] IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE EFFECTIVE  
 16 DATE OF COVERAGE."

17 SECTION 6. Section 431:10A-116.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
 18 is amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

19 "(d) For purposes of this section:

20 "Contraceptive services" means physician-delivered,  
 21 physician-supervised, physician assistant-delivered, [nurse



1 ~~practitioner delivered, certified nurse midwife delivered,~~  
2 advanced practice registered nurse-delivered, nurse-delivered,  
3 or pharmacist-delivered medical services intended to promote the  
4 effective use of contraceptive supplies or devices to prevent  
5 unwanted pregnancy.

6 "Contraceptive supplies" means all United States Food and  
7 Drug Administration-approved contraceptive drugs or devices used  
8 to prevent unwanted pregnancy."

9 SECTION 7. Section 431:10A-116.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
10 is amended by amending subsection (g) to read as follows:

11 "(g) For purposes of this section:

12 "Contraceptive services" means physician-delivered,  
13 physician-supervised, physician assistant-delivered, [nurse  
14 ~~practitioner delivered, certified nurse midwife delivered,~~  
15 advanced practice registered nurse-delivered, nurse-delivered,  
16 or pharmacist-delivered medical services intended to promote the  
17 effective use of contraceptive supplies or devices to prevent  
18 unwanted pregnancy.

19 "Contraceptive supplies" means all United States Food and  
20 Drug Administration-approved contraceptive drugs or devices used  
21 to prevent unwanted pregnancy."



1 SECTION 8. Section 431:10A-206.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
2 is amended as follows:

3 1. By amending subsection (a) to read as:

4 "(a) All accident and health or sickness insurance  
5 policies issued in this State [~~which~~] that provide coverage for  
6 the children of the insured shall provide coverage for child  
7 health supervision services from the moment of birth through age  
8 five years. These services shall be exempt from any deductible  
9 provisions, and immunizations shall be exempt from any copayment  
10 provisions, which may be in force in these policies or  
11 contracts."

12 2. By amending subsection (e) to read:

13 "(e) For the purposes of this section, "child health  
14 supervision services" means physician-delivered, physician-  
15 supervised, physician assistant-delivered, or nurse-delivered  
16 services as defined by section 457-2 ("registered nurse"), which  
17 shall include as the minimum benefit coverage for services  
18 delivered at intervals and scope stated in this section."

19 SECTION 9. Section 431:13-108, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
20 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:



1           "(c) If a claim is contested or denied or requires more  
2 time for review by an entity, the entity shall notify the health  
3 care provider, insured, or member filing a claim from a non-  
4 contracted provider in writing or electronically not more than  
5 fifteen calendar days after receiving a claim filed in writing,  
6 or not more than seven calendar days after receiving a claim  
7 filed electronically, as appropriate. The notice shall identify  
8 the contested portion of the claim and the specific reason for  
9 contesting or denying the claim, and may request additional  
10 information; provided that a notice shall not be required if the  
11 entity provides a reimbursement report containing the  
12 information, at least monthly, to the health care provider."

13           SECTION 10. Section 431:19-304, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
14 is amended to read as follows:

15           "~~§~~431:19-304~~§~~ **Qualification of sponsors.** A sponsor  
16 of a sponsored captive insurance company shall be an insurer  
17 licensed under laws of any state, a reinsurer authorized or  
18 approved under the laws of any state, a captive insurance  
19 company formed or licensed under this article, or any other  
20 person, company, or organization approved by the commissioner in  
21 the exercise of the commissioner's discretion, after finding



1 that the approval of that person, company, or organization as a  
2 sponsor is not inconsistent with the purposes of this article.  
3 A risk retention group shall not be [~~either~~] a sponsor [~~or a~~  
4 ~~participant~~] of a sponsored captive insurance company."

5 SECTION 11. Section 431:19-305, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
6 is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

7 "(a) Associations, corporations, limited liability  
8 companies, partnerships, trusts, risk retention groups, and  
9 other business entities may be participants in any sponsored  
10 captive insurance company formed or licensed under this  
11 chapter."

12 SECTION 12. Section 431M-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
13 amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted  
14 and to read as follows:

15 ""Licensed dietitian" means a person who uses the title of  
16 licensed dietitian or dietitian and has been licensed to  
17 practice dietetics under chapter 448B."

18 SECTION 13. Section 431M-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
19 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

20 "(b) Mental illness benefits.



- 1           (1) Covered benefits for mental health services set forth  
2           in this subsection shall be limited to coverage for  
3           diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders. All  
4           mental health services shall be provided under an  
5           individualized treatment plan approved by a physician,  
6           psychologist, licensed clinical social worker,  
7           marriage and family therapist, licensed mental health  
8           counselor, [~~or~~] advanced practice registered nurse, or  
9           licensed dietitian treating eating disorders, and must  
10          be reasonably expected to improve the patient's  
11          condition. An individualized treatment plan approved  
12          by a licensed clinical social worker, marriage and  
13          family therapist, licensed mental health counselor,  
14          [~~or an~~] advanced practice registered nurse, or a  
15          licensed dietitian treating eating disorders, for a  
16          patient already under the care or treatment of a  
17          physician or psychologist shall be done in  
18          consultation with the physician or psychologist;
- 19          (2) In-hospital and nonhospital residential mental health  
20          services as a covered benefit under this chapter shall  
21          be provided in a hospital or a nonhospital residential



1 facility. The services to be covered shall include  
2 those services required for licensure and  
3 accreditation;

4 (3) Mental health partial hospitalization as a covered  
5 benefit under this chapter shall be provided by a  
6 hospital or a mental health outpatient facility. The  
7 services to be covered under this paragraph shall  
8 include those services required for licensure and  
9 accreditation; and

10 (4) Mental health outpatient services shall be a covered  
11 benefit under this chapter."

12 SECTION 14. Section 431P-10, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
13 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

14 "(b) [~~Upon the authorization~~] Authorization of the  
15 commissioner[~~]~~ shall be required for insurers [~~may~~] seeking to  
16 provide standard extended coverage endorsements for residential  
17 property, including coverage of hurricane risks, subject to the  
18 fund's program for incentives and credits; provided that in the  
19 absence of such authorization, no other policy of residential  
20 property insurance or endorsement to a policy of residential  
21 property insurance on eligible residential property located in



1 this State shall be issued to provide insurance for damages or  
2 losses caused by a covered event if such coverage is less than  
3 that offered by the fund. If standard extended coverage  
4 endorsements on commercial property are no longer being offered  
5 by the fund, any standard extended coverage endorsements on  
6 commercial property offered by an insurer shall qualify as a  
7 comparable coverage under section 431P-5(b)(8)(A). Standard  
8 extended coverage endorsements on residential property which  
9 include coverage for hurricane losses offered by an insurer  
10 shall qualify as a comparable coverage under section 431P-  
11 5(b)(8)(A)."

12 SECTION 15. Section 431R-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
13 amended to read as follows:

14 "[f]§431R-5[f] Violations; penalties. (a) The insurance  
15 commissioner may assess a fine of up to \$10,000 for each  
16 violation by a pharmacy benefit manager or prescription drug  
17 benefit plan provider who is in violation of section 431R-2 or  
18 431R-3. In addition, the insurance commissioner may order the  
19 pharmacy benefit manager to take specific affirmative corrective  
20 action or make restitution.



1 (b) Failure of a pharmacy benefit manager to comply with a  
2 previously agreed upon contractual retail pharmacy network  
3 agreement pursuant to section 431R-2 or 431R-3 shall be an  
4 unfair or deceptive act or practice as provided in section  
5 431:13-102.

6 (c) A pharmacy benefit manager or prescription drug  
7 benefit plan provider may appeal any decision made by the  
8 insurance commissioner in accordance with chapter 91.

9 (d) Every person and its officers, employees, and  
10 representatives subject to investigation or examination by the  
11 commissioner under this chapter shall produce and make freely  
12 accessible to the commissioner the accounts, records, documents,  
13 and files in the person's possession or control relating to the  
14 subject of the investigation or examination and shall otherwise  
15 facilitate the investigation or examination.

16 (e) Every person and its officers, employees, and  
17 representatives subject to investigation or examination by the  
18 commissioner under this chapter shall issue a written response  
19 no later than fifteen working days after receiving a written  
20 inquiry from the commissioner regarding a claim or complaint.  
21 The response shall be more than an acknowledgment that the



1 commissioner's communication has been received and shall  
2 adequately address the concerns stated in the communication."

3 SECTION 16. Section 432:1-102, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

5 "(b) Article 2, article 2D, parts II and IV of article 3,  
6 article 6, part III of article 7, article 9A, article 13,  
7 article 14G, and article 15 of chapter 431, sections 431:3-301,  
8 431:3-302, 431:3-303, 431:3-304, 431:3-305, [and] 431:10-102,  
9 431:10-225, 431:10-226.5, and 431:10A-116(1) and (2), and the  
10 powers granted by those provisions to the commissioner, shall  
11 apply to managed care plans, health maintenance organizations,  
12 or medical indemnity or hospital service associations that are  
13 owned or controlled by mutual benefit societies so long as the  
14 application in any particular case is in compliance with and is  
15 not preempted by applicable federal statutes and regulations."

16 SECTION 17. Section 432:1-602.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
17 is amended by amending subsection (e) to read as follows:

18 "(e) For the purposes of this section, "child health  
19 supervision services" means physician-delivered, physician-  
20 supervised, physician assistant-delivered, or nurse-delivered  
21 services as defined by section 457-2 ("registered nurse"), which



1 shall include as the minimum benefit coverage for services  
2 delivered at intervals and scope stated in this section."

3 SECTION 18. Section 432:1-604.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
4 is amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

5 "(d) For purposes of this section:

6 "Contraceptive services" means physician-delivered,  
7 physician-supervised, physician assistant-delivered, [~~nurse~~  
8 ~~practitioner delivered, certified nurse midwife delivered, or~~  
9 advanced practice registered nurse-delivered, nurse-delivered  
10 [medical services], or pharmacist-delivered medical services  
11 intended to promote the effective use of contraceptive supplies  
12 or devices to prevent unwanted pregnancy.

13 "Contraceptive supplies" means all Food and Drug  
14 Administration-approved contraceptive drugs or devices used to  
15 prevent unwanted pregnancy."

16 SECTION 19. Section 432D-14, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
17 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

18 "(b) In addition to, or in lieu of, suspension or  
19 revocation of a certificate of authority pursuant to this  
20 section, the commissioner [~~, after hearing,~~] may levy an  
21 administrative fine upon the health maintenance organization in



1 an amount not less than \$500 and not more than \$50,000 pursuant  
2 to section 431:3-221."

3 SECTION 20. Section 432D-19, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

5 "(d) Article 2, article 2D, part IV of article 3, article  
6 6, part III of article 7, article 9A, article 13, article 14G,  
7 and article 15 of chapter 431, and sections 431:3-301, 431:3-  
8 302, 431:3-303, 431:3-304, [~~and~~] 431:3-305, 431:10-225, and  
9 431:10-226.5, and the powers granted by those provisions to the  
10 commissioner shall apply to health maintenance organizations, so  
11 long as the application in any particular case is in compliance  
12 with and is not preempted by applicable federal statutes and  
13 regulations."

14 SECTION 21. Section 431P-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
15 repealed.

16 [~~"[~~\$431P-17~~] Additional notice requirement. Thirteen  
17 months prior to discontinuation of writing property insurance  
18 coverage, an insurer shall file an affidavit with the  
19 commissioner stating the reasons for the discontinuation."~~]

20 SECTION 22. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
21 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 23. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050;  
2 provided that sections 3 and 4 shall take effect on January 1,  
3 2051.



**Report Title:**

Property Insurance; Premium Tax; Electronic Filing; Electronic Payments; Short-term Health Policies; Child Health Supervision Services; Claim Filer; Risk Retention; Captive Insurance; Mental Illness Benefits; Duty to Respond; Visual or Optometric Services Coverage; Surgical or Emergency Services Coverage; Contraceptive Services

**Description:**

Makes various updates to title 24, Hawaii Revised Statutes, including: requiring an insurer to file an affidavit prior to discontinuing writing property coverage; requiring insurance commissioner authorization for insurers providing residential property coverage; requiring insurers to file and pay their premium tax statements electronically beginning on 1/1/2017; requiring conspicuous disclosure of preexisting condition provisions in short-term health policies; including physician assistant-delivered services under coverage for child health supervision for accident and health or sickness policies and mutual benefit societies; requiring an entity to notify a health care provider or claim filer under certain conditions; adding flexibility to captive laws of sponsored captive insurance companies; providing mental illness benefits coverage to licensed dietitians treating eating disorders; requiring certain entities to respond to the insurance commissioner during an investigation or examination; providing visual or optometric services coverage for licensed physicians and optometrists and surgical or emergency services coverage for dentists under health plans of mutual benefit societies; providing coverage for pharmacist-delivered contraceptive services; and making other housekeeping and conforming amendments. Effective 7/1/2050, except for sections 3 and 4, which are effective 1/1/2051.  
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