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In reply, please refer to:

January 11, 2018

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki, Speaker  
and Members of the House of  
Representatives  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

For your information and consideration, I am transmitting a copy of an Annual Report on the Authorization to Allow Two Private-Pay Individuals to be Cared for in the Same Community Foster Family Home as Provided under this Act including its impact on the availability of space for Medicaid Clients, as required by Act 30, Session Laws Hawaii 2017.

In accordance with Section 93-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, I am also informing you that the report may be viewed electronically at:

<http://health.hawaii.gov/opppd/department-of-health-reports-to-2018-legislature/>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Virginia Pressler".

VIRGINIA PRESSLER

Director of Health

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REPORT TO THE TWENTY-NINETH LEGISLATURE  
STATE OF HAWAII  
2018

PURSUANT TO ACT 30, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII (SLH) 2017, REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO SUBMIT A REPORT ON THE AUTHORIZATION TO ALLOW TWO PRIVATE-PAY INDIVIDUALS TO BE CARED FOR IN THE SAME COMMUNITY CARE FOSTER FAMILY HOME AS PROVIDED UNDER THIS ACT, INCLUDING ITS IMPACT ON THE AVAILABILITY OF SPACE FOR MEDICAID CLIENTS.

PREPARED BY:  
STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
DECEMBER 2017



## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In accordance with Act 30, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 2017, the Department of Health is submitting a report to the 2018 Legislature on the status of the issue of two (2) private pay persons occupying the same community care foster family home (CCFFH) and impacts on the availability of bed space for Medicaid recipients.

There were insufficient numbers of private pay persons to determine any impact on the availability of bed space for Medicaid recipients.

Only one (1) person submitted an application to the department for consideration to allow a 2<sup>nd</sup> private pay individual to occupy the same CCFFH. The application was withdrawn as the department was completing the review of the application and following the passing of the applicant.

**REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE  
IN COMPLIANCE WITH ACT 30, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII (SLH) 2017**

**Introduction:**

The Department of Health is committed to ensure the health, welfare and safety of all individuals receiving health care services in all settings in the State. In order to achieve this goal, the department has established minimal standards for licensure and certification that is monitored through inspections and investigations. As deficiencies are identified, the department provides consultation to correct deficient practices.

**Current Status:**

The department met with licensed case management agency (CMA) representatives in August 2017 for input on the process for requesting department approval for two (2) private pay residents to occupy the same community care foster family home (CCFFH). A draft request application form was shared and guidance was sought on instructions for applicants to follow.

Case managers from licensed CMAs are individuals other than and not related to the CCFFH caregiver that locates, coordinates, and monitors comprehensive services to meet a patient's/client's needs at the CCFFH. As a result of their licensed and required role, CMAs shall be responsible to assist the patient/client to request approval for a 2<sup>nd</sup> private pay person to occupy the same CCFFH.

The final application form and instructions will be posted on the department's website by December 31, 2017, and distributed to all licensed CMAs.

During the period since Act 30 SLH 2017 was enacted, only one (1) person submitted an application to the department for consideration to approve a 2<sup>nd</sup> private pay individual to occupy the same CCFFH. The application was withdrawn as the department was completing the review of the application and following the passing of the applicant.

The application process and workflow will be improved by the department to ensure a more timely response to applicants.

**Conclusion:**

There was insufficient experience to draw any conclusion on the impact on the availability of space for Medicaid clients.