
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE HAWAII PSYCHIATRIC MEDICAL
ASSOCIATION, THE QUEEN'S HEALTH SYSTEMS, AND THE MED-QUEST
DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.

1 WHEREAS, collaborative care is a new method of psychiatric
2 care delivery that allows a patient to receive psychiatric care
3 in their family physician's office from a remotely located
4 psychiatrist providing consultation to the patient's care
5 manager who is located within the primary care practice; and
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7 WHEREAS, data show a return on investment of approximately
8 \$6 per every dollar spent on collaborative care and a projected
9 annual nationwide savings of \$24,000,000,000 to \$48,000,000,000,
10 due largely to reduced emergency room visits and hospital
11 admissions for medical conditions that would otherwise be
12 neglected by psychiatric patients; and
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14 WHEREAS, these data were found so compelling that on
15 January 2, 2017, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services
16 began paying for collaborative care services for Medicare
17 patients; and
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19 WHEREAS, the vast majority of patients in need of
20 psychiatric care in underserved areas of the State are covered
21 by Medicaid or QUEST, rather than Medicare; and
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23 WHEREAS, in collaboration with the Hawaii Psychiatric
24 Medical Association and others, The Queen's Health Systems'
25 Clinically Integrated Physician Network has developed and
26 implemented its own collaborative care pilot program and has
27 found that it has already realized improved outcomes and
28 satisfaction; and
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1 WHEREAS, in 2017, legislation passed through both the House
2 of Representatives and the Senate to require Hawaii Medicaid to
3 cover collaborative care at the same rates as Medicare; and
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5 WHEREAS, this coverage also requires Hawaii Medicaid or the
6 Med-QUEST Division of the Department of Human Services to obtain
7 approval from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services to
8 further expand implementation of collaborative care; and
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10 WHEREAS, Med-QUEST has drafted a Medicaid expansion
11 proposal, called the Hawaii Ohana Nui Project Expansion program;
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14 WHEREAS, the program is committed to exploring practices
15 that further integrate physical and behavioral health services,
16 like the collaborative care model; and
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18 WHEREAS, the program explores the use of payments to
19 primary care providers and members of the multidisciplinary team
20 for providing integrated services using the collaborative care
21 model; and
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23 WHEREAS, these kinds of innovations envisioned by Med-
24 QUEST, based on numerous studies showing that they are effective
25 and save lives; reduce costs, resulting in personal, company,
26 and taxpayer savings; and provide a welcome beacon of hope for
27 improving the integrated health of Hawaii's citizens; now,
28 therefore,
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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
31 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
32 of 2018, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature supports
33 the efforts of the Hawaii Psychiatric Medical Association, The
34 Queen's Health Systems, and the Med-QUEST Division of the
35 Department of Human Services, for the painstaking work they have
36 performed on behalf of the health of the citizens of the State,
37 to improve access to safe psychiatric care to underserved
38 populations; and
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
41 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
42 Hawaii Psychiatric Medical Association Executive Council, the



1 President and Chief Executive Officer of The Queen's Health
 2 Systems, and the Administrator of the Med-QUEST Division of the
 3 Department of Human Services.
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