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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 346, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately  
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§346- Coverage of ambulance services. Beginning on  
5 January 1, 2020, the State's medicaid programs:

6 (1) Shall provide coverage for ambulance services; and

7 (2) May also provide coverage for statewide community  
8 paramedicine services rendered by emergency medical  
9 technicians or paramedics.

10 SECTION 2. Chapter 431, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
11 amended by adding a new section to part I of article 10A to be  
12 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

13 "§431:10A-A Coverage of ambulance services. Each  
14 individual policy of accident and health or sickness insurance  
15 issued or renewed in this State on or after January 1, 2020,  
16 shall:

17 (1) Provide coverage for ambulance services; and



1        (2) Also provide coverage for statewide services rendered  
2                    by emergency medical technicians or paramedics."

3        SECTION 3. Chapter 431, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended by adding a new section to part II of article 10A to be  
5 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

6        "§431:10A-B Coverage of ambulance services. Each group  
7 policy of accident and health or sickness insurance issued or  
8 renewed in this State on or after January 1, 2020, shall:

- 9            (1) Provide coverage for ambulance services; and  
10           (2) Also provide coverage for statewide services rendered  
11                    by emergency medical technicians or paramedics."

12        SECTION 4. Chapter 432, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
13 amended by adding a new section to part VI of article 1 to be  
14 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

15        "§432:1- Coverage of ambulance services. Each hospital  
16 or medical service plan contract issued or renewed in this State  
17 on or after January 1, 2020, shall:

- 18           (1) Provide coverage for ambulance services; and  
19           (2) Also provide coverage for statewide community  
20                    paramedicine services rendered by emergency medical  
21                    technicians or paramedics."



1 SECTION 5. Section 432D-23, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 **"§432D-23 Required provisions and benefits.**

4 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, each  
5 policy, contract, plan, or agreement issued in the State after  
6 January 1, 1995, by health maintenance organizations pursuant to  
7 this chapter, shall include benefits provided in sections  
8 431:10-212, 431:10A-115, 431:10A-115.5, 431:10A-116,  
9 431:10A-116.2, 431:10A-116.5, 431:10A-116.6, 431:10A-119,  
10 431:10A-120, 431:10A-121, 431:10A-122, 431:10A-125, 431:10A-126,  
11 431:10A-132, 431:10A-133, 431:10A-134, 431:10A-140, [~~and~~  
12 ~~431:10A-134,~~] and 431:10A-A, and chapter 431M."

13 SECTION 6. Section 23-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall  
14 not apply to this Act.

15 SECTION 7. There is appropriated out of the general  
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the  
18 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
19 2020-2021 for coverage of ambulances services required or  
20 authorized under section 1 of this Act.



1           The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
2 of human services for the purposes of this Act.

3           SECTION 8. In codifying the new sections added by sections  
4 2 and 3 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute  
5 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating  
6 the new sections in this Act.

7           SECTION 9. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9           SECTION 10. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Health; Insurance; Medicaid; Ambulance Services; Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires medicaid and insurance coverage of ambulance services. Authorizes medicaid programs, and requires private insurers, to pay for community paramedicine services provided by emergency medical technicians or paramedics. Appropriates moneys for medicaid to cover community paramedicine services provided by emergency medical technicians or paramedics. Appropriates funds for ambulance services covered by medicaid. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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