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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, 2022, 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, 2022,
16 shall provide coverage for:

17 (1) Ambulance services; and



1 (2) Statewide services rendered by emergency medical
2 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, 2022, shall provide
9 coverage for:

- 10 (1) Ambulance services; and
11 (2) Statewide services rendered by emergency medical
12 technicians or paramedics."

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

16 "§432:1- Coverage of ambulance services. Each hospital
17 or medical service plan contract issued or renewed in this State
18 on or after January 1, 2022, shall provide coverage for:

- 19 (1) Ambulance services; and
20 (2) Statewide community paramedicine services rendered by
21 emergency medical technicians or paramedics."



1 SECTION 5. Chapter 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. Chapter 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
17 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2021-2022 and
18 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
19 year 2022-2023 for amounts necessary to comply with collectively
20 bargained for requirements and personnel costs arising from the



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1 coverage of ambulances services required or authorized under
2 section 1 of this Act.

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

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

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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

11 SECTION 10. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____



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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 costs resulting from medicaid coverage of ambulance service and community paramedicine services provided by emergency medical technicians or paramedics. Effective 7/1/2022.

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