
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 community paramedicine services rendered by
2 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, 2022, shall provide
9 coverage for:

10 (1) Ambulance services; and

11 (2) Statewide community paramedicine services rendered by
12 emergency medical 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. (a) The auditor shall conduct a study that
14 assesses both the social and financial effects of the proposed
15 mandated coverage in this Act. The study shall comport with the
16 requirements set forth in section 23-52, Hawaii Revised
17 Statutes.

18 (b) The auditor shall submit the study, including the
19 auditor's findings and recommendations, and any proposed
20 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
21 to the convening of the 2022-2023 legislative session.



1 SECTION 7. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for
4 amounts necessary to comply with collectively bargained for
5 requirements and personnel costs arising from the coverage of
6 ambulances services required or authorized under section 1 of
7 this Act.

8 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
9 human services for the purposes of this Act.

10 SECTION 8. In codifying the new sections added by sections
11 2 and 3 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute
12 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating
13 the new sections in this Act.

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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

16 SECTION 10. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
17 provided that section 7 shall take effect on July 1, 2022.



Report Title:

Health; Insurance; Medicaid; Ambulance Services; Auditor Report; 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. Requires the Auditor to submit a report to the Legislature. Section 7 effective 7/1/2022. (SD1)

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