
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the med-QUEST
2 division of the department of human services offers standard
3 behavioral health services to all medicaid beneficiaries. In
4 addition, individuals with serious mental illness or serious and
5 persistent mental illness receive additional specialized
6 behavioral health services through their QUEST health plans.
7 However, the legislature also finds that various behavioral
8 health services are not currently covered under med-QUEST or are
9 covered at rates that are below market reimbursement rates,
10 resulting in provider network adequacy and access to care
11 issues.

12 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate
13 funds to the med-QUEST division of the department of human
14 services for non-covered or under-covered behavioral health
15 services for med-QUEST beneficiaries.

16 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so



1 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and
2 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
3 year 2024-2025 for the med-QUEST division of the department of
4 human services, program identification number HMS401 (health
5 care payments), for non-covered or under-covered behavioral
6 health services for med-QUEST beneficiaries.

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

9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 30, 3000.



Report Title:

Med-QUEST; Behavioral Health Services; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the med-QUEST division of the department of human services (HMS401) for non-covered or under-covered behavioral health services for med-QUEST beneficiaries. Effective 7/30/3000. (HD1)

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