
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1 PART I

2 SECTION 1. Chapter 431, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
3 amended by adding a new section to article 10A to be
4 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

5 **"§431:10A- Coverage for dental and vision treatment;**

6 **notice.** (a) Any other law to the contrary notwithstanding,

7 each employer group health policy, contract, plan, or agreement

8 issued or renewed in this State after December 31, 2024, that

9 provides coverage to policyholders, shall provide, not as an

10 employer option and not as a deductible, coverage for dental and

11 vision preventative care, diagnosis, and treatment. The

12 coverage provided shall in no way diminish or limit diagnostic

13 benefits otherwise provided.

14 (b) Every insurer shall provide notice to its

15 policyholders regarding the coverage required by this section.

16 The notice shall be in writing and prominently positioned in any

17 literature or correspondence sent to policyholders and shall be



1 transmitted to policyholders within calendar year 2025 when
2 annual information is made available to policyholders, or in any
3 other mailing to policyholders, but in no case later than
4 December 31, 2025."

5 SECTION 2. Chapter 432, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6 amended by adding a new section to part VI of article 1 to be
7 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

8 **"§432:1- Coverage for dental and vision treatment;**
9 **notice.** (a) Any other law to the contrary notwithstanding,
10 each individual and group hospital or medical service plan,
11 policy, contract, or agreement issued or renewed in this State
12 after December 31, 2024, that provides coverage, shall provide,
13 not as an employer option and not as a deductible, coverage for
14 dental and vision preventative care, diagnosis, and treatment.

15 (b) Every mutual benefit society shall provide notice to
16 its members regarding the coverage required by this section.
17 The notice shall be in writing and prominently positioned in any
18 literature or correspondence sent to members and shall be
19 transmitted to members within calendar year 2025 when annual
20 information is made available to members, or in any other



1 mailing to members, but in no case later than December 31,
2 2025."

3 SECTION 3. Section 432D-23, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 **"§432D-23 Required provisions and benefits.**

6 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, each
7 policy, contract, plan, or agreement issued in the State after
8 January 1, 1995, by health maintenance organizations pursuant to
9 this chapter, shall include benefits provided in sections
10 431:10-212, 431:10A-115, 431:10A-115.5, 431:10A-116, 431:10A-
11 116.2, 431:10A-116.5, 431:10A-116.6, 431:10A-119, 431:10A-120,
12 431:10A-121, 431:10A-122, 431:10A-125, 431:10A-126, 431:10A-132,
13 431:10A-133, 431:10A-134, 431:10A-140, [~~and 431:10A-134,~~]
14 431:10A- , and chapter 431M."

15 SECTION 4. The benefit to be provided by health
16 maintenance organizations corresponding to the benefit provided
17 under section 431:10A- , Hawaii Revised Statutes, as contained
18 in the amendment to section 432D-23, Hawaii Revised Statutes, in
19 section 3 of this Act, shall take effect for all policies
20 contracts, plans, or agreements issued in the State after
21 December 31, 2024.



1 PART II

2 SECTION 5. Chapter 346, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
3 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
4 and to read as follows:

5 **"§346- Coverage of dental and vision treatment.**

6 Beginning January 1, 2025, the State's medicaid program shall
7 provide coverage for dental and vision preventative care,
8 diagnosis, and treatment."

9 PART III

10 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
11 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024;
13 provided that section 5 shall take effect upon approval of the
14 Hawaii medicaid state plan by the Centers for Medicare and
15 Medicaid Services.



Report Title:

Health; Health Insurance; Employer Health Care Requirements;
Dental and Vision; Medicaid; Mandated Coverage; Notice

Description:

Requires each employer group health policy, contract, plan, or agreement and each individual and group hospital or medical service plan, policy, contract, or agreement issued or renewed by health insurers in the State after December 31, 2024, that provides coverage, to provide coverage for dental and vision preventative care, diagnosis, and treatment. Requires every insurer and mutual benefit society to provide written notice to policyholders and members no later than December 31, 2025.

(Proposed SD1)

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