

JAN 20 2023

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PRESCRIPTION DIGITAL THERAPEUTICS.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) The department of health shall conduct a
2 study to determine the feasibility of implementing a pilot
3 program to integrate innovative, evidence-based prescription
4 digital therapeutics approved by the federal Food and Drug
5 Administration in outpatient treatment programs for persons with
6 substance use disorder or opioid use disorder within the State.

7 The study shall consider:

8 (1) Any potential short-term and long-term financial
9 effects on the State for the pilot program, which
10 shall include:

11 (A) The demographics and needs of persons with
12 substance use disorder or opioid use disorder
13 within the State;

14 (B) The costs and benefits of different approved
15 prescription digital therapeutic products in the
16 State, including any security and privacy
17 considerations; and



- 1 (C) How various governmental entities can best help
2 provide medical assistance coverage of the
3 approved prescription digital therapeutic
4 products for the treatment of substance use
5 disorders and opioid use disorders, including any
6 immediate and ongoing availability of federal
7 funds;
- 8 (2) Any oversight and regulatory requirements necessary to
9 implement the pilot program, including any potential
10 hurdles and strategies to address the potential
11 hurdles;
- 12 (3) Any effect of the pilot program on relevant existing
13 health care providers and health care organizations,
14 programs, and agencies;
- 15 (4) Any other beneficial alternative options;
- 16 (5) Which agency or agencies are best equipped to
17 administer the pilot program, including how the pilot
18 program should be structured;
- 19 (6) Which facility or facilities in the State are best
20 suited to implement the pilot program;



1 (7) Which approved prescription digital therapeutic
2 products best fit the needs of persons with substance
3 use disorder or opioid use disorder in the State;

4 (8) How to evaluate the outcomes of the pilot program,
5 including preferred frameworks to gauge the impact of
6 the approved prescription digital therapeutic
7 products, especially when used in conjunction with
8 other treatments and therapies; and

9 (9) Other considerations necessary to help health care
10 decision makers accurately anticipate the impact of
11 approved prescription digital therapeutic products on
12 the overall delivery of health care in the State.

13 (b) The department of health shall submit a report of its
14 findings and recommendations from the study, including any
15 proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty
16 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2024.

17 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

Department of Health; Feasibility Study; Pilot Program;
Prescription Digital Therapeutics; Outpatient Treatment;
Substance Use Disorder; Opioid Use Disorder

Description:

Requires the Department of Health to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of implementing a pilot program to integrate prescription digital therapeutic products approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration in outpatient treatment programs for persons with substance use disorder and persons with opioid use disorder in the State. Requires a report to the Legislature.

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