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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, 2026, the State's medicaid program shall provide
6 coverage for:

7 (1) Ambulance services; and
8 (2) Community paramedicine services rendered statewide by
9 emergency medical technicians or paramedics."

10 SECTION 2. Section 346-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted
12 and to read as follows:

13 "Ambulance services" means any medical care rendered as
14 part of the business or regular activity of using an ambulance
15 to respond to and treat sick, injured, or otherwise medically or
16 psychologically incapacitated individuals, whether or not



1 transportation of the individual receiving the medical care is
2 ultimately required."

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

6 "§431:10A- Coverage of ambulance and emergency medical
7 services. (a) Each individual or group policy of accident and
8 health or sickness insurance issued or renewed in this State on
9 or after January 1, 2026, shall provide coverage for:

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

13 (b) For the purposes of this section, "ambulance services"
14 has the same meaning as defined in section 346-1."

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

18 "§432:1- Coverage of ambulance and emergency medical
19 services. (a) Each individual and group hospital or medical
20 service plan contract issued or renewed in this State on or
21 after January 1, 2026, shall provide coverage for:



- 1 (1) Ambulance services; and
- 2 (2) Community paramedicine services rendered statewide by
- 3 emergency medical technicians or paramedics.

4 (b) For the purposes of this section, "ambulance services"
 5 has the same meaning as defined in section 346-1."

6 SECTION 5. Section 432D-23, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
 7 amended to read as follows:

8 **"§432D-23 Required provisions and benefits.**

9 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, each
 10 policy, contract, plan, or agreement issued in the State after
 11 January 1, 1995, by health maintenance organizations pursuant to
 12 this chapter, shall include benefits provided in sections
 13 431:10-212, 431:10A-115, 431:10A-115.5, 431:10A-116, 431:10A-
 14 116.2, 431:10A-116.5, 431:10A-116.6, 431:10A-119, 431:10A-120,
 15 431:10A-121, 431:10A-122, 431:10A-125, 431:10A-126, 431:10A-132,
 16 431:10A-133, 431:10A-134, 431:10A-140, [~~and 431:10A-134,~~] and
 17 431:10A- , and chapter 431M."

18 SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general
 19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
 20 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and
 21 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal



1 year 2026-2027 to comply with collectively bargained for
2 requirements and personnel costs arising from the coverage of
3 ambulances services required or authorized under section 1 of
4 this Act.

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

7 SECTION 7. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025;
10 provided that section 1 shall take effect upon approval of the
11 Hawaii medicaid state plan by the Centers for Medicare and
12 Medicaid services.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____



S.B. NO. 783

Report Title:

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Description:

Requires Medicaid and private insurance coverage of ambulance services and community paramedicine services rendered statewide by emergency medical technicians or paramedics. Appropriates funds.

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