
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) No later September 1, 2026, The department
2 of human services shall:

- 3 (1) Amend the Hawaii medicaid state plan; or
4 (2) Request approval from the Centers for Medicare and
5 Medicaid Services for an amendment under the medicaid
6 state plan,
7 to include coverage for naturopathic medicine under chapter 455,
8 Hawaii Revised Statutes.

9 (b) The amendments shall:

- 10 (1) Authorize patients to select a naturopathic physician
11 licensed under chapter 455, Hawaii Revised Statutes to
12 serve as the patient's primary care provider;
13 (2) Ensure that the appropriate medical fee schedule shall
14 reimburse naturopathic medical services at rates and
15 under terms comparable to reimbursements for the
16 practice of medicine under chapter 453, Hawaii Revised
17 Statutes, including services for evaluation,



1 diagnosis, treatment, preventive care, and the ongoing
2 management of patient health consistent with existing
3 primary care standards; and

4 (3) Include additional conforming amendments to
5 eligibility, provider participation, and reimbursement
6 provisions, if applicable.

7 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title:

DHS; Med-QUEST; Medicaid State Plan; Naturopathic Medicine

Description:

Requires the Department of Human Services to amend the Hawaii Medicaid State Plan or request approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for an amendment under the Medicaid State Plan to include naturopathic medicine.

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