
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COLORECTAL CANCER.

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 II to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§346- State-funded assistance for colorectal cancer
5 screenings. (a) The department shall provide state-funded
6 financial assistance, as appropriated by the legislature, to pay
7 for colorectal cancer screenings for residents of the State who:

8 (1) Are uninsured;

9 (2) Have health care coverage that does not provide
10 coverage without cost sharing for colorectal cancer
11 screenings that meet the requirements of sections
12 431:10A-122 and 432:1-617;

13 (3) Are permanent United States resident aliens but are
14 ineligible for medicaid; or

15 (4) Are nonresident aliens and are ineligible for
16 medicaid.



1 **(b) The state-funded colorectal cancer screenings shall**
2 **meet the requirements of sections 431:10A-122 and 432:1-617.**"

3 SECTION 2. Section 431:10A-122, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
4 is amended to read as follows:

5 "~~[+]§431:10A-122[+]—Colon]~~ **Colorectal cancer screening**
6 **coverage.** (a) Each policy of accident and health or sickness
7 insurance providing coverage for health care, except for
8 policies that only provide coverage for specified diseases or
9 other limited benefit coverage, shall provide coverage for
10 ~~[colorectal-cancer]~~ **colorectal cancer** screening by all A and B
11 grade screening modalities as recommended by the United States
12 Preventive Services Task Force.

13 (b) Beginning March 1, 2011, all health insurance
14 providers in Hawaii shall inform their insured about the risk
15 associated with undiagnosed ~~[colorectal-cancer]~~ **colorectal**
16 **cancer** and encourage the insured to consult with the insured's
17 physician about available screening options.

18 **(c) Coverage shall include a follow-up colonoscopy conduct**
19 **after a positive stool-based test, blood test, or direct**
20 **visualization test.**



1 (d) The coverage required under this section shall not be
2 subject to a deductible, copayment, coinsurance, or any other
3 cost-sharing requirements."

4 SECTION 3. Section 432:1-617, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 "[~~§~~432:1-617~~]~~—~~Colon~~ Colorectal cancer screening
7 **coverage.** (a) All individual and group hospital and medical
8 service contracts providing health care coverage shall provide
9 coverage for [~~colorectal-cancer~~] colorectal cancer screening by
10 all A and B grade screening modalities as recommended by the
11 United States Preventive Services Task Force.

12 (b) Beginning March 1, 2011, all [~~health insurance~~
13 ~~providers~~] mutual benefit societies in Hawaii shall inform their
14 insured of the risk associated with undiagnosed colorectal
15 cancer and encourage the insured to consult with the [~~insured's~~]
16 subscriber's or member's physician about available screening
17 options.

18 (c) Coverage shall include a follow-up colonoscopy conduct
19 after a positive stool-based test, blood test, or direct
20 visualization test.



1 (d) The coverage required under this section shall not be
2 subject to a deductible, copayment, coinsurance, or any other
3 cost-sharing requirements."

4 SECTION 4. (a) The department of human services shall
5 adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to
6 implement section 1 of this Act, including rules establishing an
7 application process for state-funded colorectal cancer
8 screenings.

9 (b) In adopting rules pursuant to this Act, the department
10 shall ensure that:

11 (1) The state-funded colorectal cancer screenings meet the
12 requirements of sections 431:10A-122 and 432:1-617,
13 Hawaii Revised Statutes; and

14 (2) No cost-sharing requirements are imposed.

15 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
17 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for
18 the department of human services to develop and implement a
19 public assistance program offering state-funded colorectal
20 cancer screenings.



1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
2 human services for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



Report Title:

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Description:

Requires and appropriates funds for the Department of Human Services to develop and implement a public assistance program offering state-funded colorectal screenings for certain persons. Requires coverage to include a follow-up colonoscopy after a positive test result. Specifies that coverage is not subject to a deductible, copayment, coinsurance, or any other cost-sharing requirements. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)

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