
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; treatment.** (a) The department shall provide

6 state-funded financial assistance, as appropriated by the

7 legislature, to pay for colorectal cancer screenings for

8 residents of the State who:

9 (1) Are uninsured; provided that if an uninsured resident

10 of the State requires treatment for colorectal cancer

11 as the result of a screening conducted pursuant to

12 this section, the uninsured resident of the State

13 shall receive state-funded coverage for colorectal

14 cancer treatment;

15 (2) Have health care coverage that does not provide

16 coverage without cost sharing for colorectal cancer



1 screenings that meet the requirements of sections
2 431:10A-122 and 432:1-617;

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

5 (4) Are nonresident aliens and are ineligible for
6 medicaid.

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

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

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

19 (b) Beginning March 1, 2011, all health insurance
20 providers in Hawaii shall inform their insured about the risk
21 associated with undiagnosed [~~colorectal-cancer~~] colorectal



1 cancer and encourage the insured to consult with the insured's
2 physician about available screening options.

3 (c) Coverage shall include a follow-up colonoscopy
4 conducted after a positive stool-based test, blood-based test,
5 or direct visualization test for colorectal cancer screening.

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

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

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

17 (b) Beginning March 1, 2011, all [~~health insurance~~
18 ~~providers~~] mutual benefit societies in Hawaii shall inform their
19 [~~insured~~] subscribers or members of the risk associated with
20 undiagnosed colorectal cancer and encourage the [~~insured~~]
21 subscriber or member to consult with the [~~insured's~~]



1 subscriber's or member's physician about available screening
2 options.

3 (c) Coverage shall include a follow-up colonoscopy
4 conducted after a positive stool-based test, blood-based test,
5 or direct visualization test for colorectal cancer screening.

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

9 SECTION 4. (a) The department of human services shall
10 adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to
11 implement section 1 of this Act, including rules establishing an
12 application process for state-funded colorectal cancer
13 screenings and treatment.

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

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

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

20 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so



1 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for
2 the department of human services to develop and implement a
3 public assistance program offering state-funded colorectal
4 cancer screenings and treatment.

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

7 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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



Report Title:

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State-Funded Public Assistance; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the Department of Human Services to develop and implement a public assistance program offering state-funded colorectal screenings and treatment for certain persons. Requires state-funded coverage for follow-up treatment for colorectal cancer 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. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (SD1)

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