
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENTS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that, pursuant to S.C.R.
2 No. 81, H.D. 1 (2018), a working group submitted to the 2019
3 legislature a report examining how the department of education
4 could maximize medicaid reimbursements for support services
5 offered to eligible students, specifically to special education
6 youth having severe mental health conditions.

7 The legislature believes that, given the critical
8 importance of providing all students with a quality public
9 education, further oversight and an updated plan are needed to
10 ensure that the department continues to maximize medicaid
11 reimbursements for administrative and support services for
12 students with special needs.

13 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to require the
14 department of education to provide:

15 (1) An updated plan to maximize medicaid reimbursements
16 for administrative and support services for students
17 with special needs; and



1 (2) Annual reports on the status of the plan's
2 implementation.

3 SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by adding a new section to part II, subpart C, to be
5 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

6 "§302A- Medicaid reimbursement for administrative and
7 support services; students with special needs; reporting
8 requirements. (a) The department shall establish an updated
9 plan to maximize medicaid reimbursements for administrative and
10 support services provided to students with special needs. The
11 department may amend the plan as necessary to carry out the
12 purposes of this section.

13 (b) The department, in consultation with the med-QUEST
14 division of the department of human services, shall submit a
15 report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the
16 convening of each regular session, providing the status of the
17 department's plan and efforts pursuant to subsection (a). The
18 report shall include:

19 (1) A copy of the plan established pursuant to
20 subsection (a) and the status of the plan's
21 implementation;



- 1 (2) A detailed explanation of how the following medicaid
2 claim requirements shall be met:
- 3 (A) Service documentation for the individualized
4 education program of applicable students;
- 5 (B) Confirmation of a student's medicaid eligibility;
- 6 (C) Records of completed parental consent forms;
- 7 (D) Documentation indicating that all reported
8 services provided are appropriate, medically
9 necessary, and covered by med-QUEST, in addition
10 to any other details required for services
11 provided; and
- 12 (E) Documentation substantiating that any medicaid
13 reimbursable service provided was delivered by a
14 licensed and medicaid-enrolled provider or by
15 select professionals under the supervision of a
16 licensed provider;
- 17 (3) Training materials and evidence of successful training
18 on medicaid reimbursable school-based services rules
19 and requirements for department staff, including the
20 assistant superintendent for the exceptional support
21 branch of the office of student support services,



1 district education specialists, student coordinators,
2 teachers, and providers;

3 (4) Detailed information on the department's procedures
4 for identifying the medically necessary needs of
5 special education students, and if eligible for
6 medicaid reimbursement, the complete process of
7 pursuing reimbursement;

8 (5) An evaluation of the department's progress in
9 implementing the updated plan, including monthly
10 indicators of the total:

11 (A) Number of students served, classified by complex
12 area;

13 (B) Number of eligible administrative and support
14 services provided, classified by complex area;
15 and

16 (C) Amount of federal reimbursement leveraged for
17 eligible services, including both direct service
18 claims and administrative claims, classified by
19 complex area; and

20 (6) Information detailing how reimbursement moneys are
21 being reinvested."



- 1 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.
- 2 SECTION 4 This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



S.B. NO. 3325
S.D. 1

Report Title:

DOE; DHS; Med-QUEST; Medicaid Reimbursement; Students with Special Needs; Special Education; IEP; Administrative and Support Services; Annual Report

Description:

Requires the Department of Education to establish an updated plan for maximizing Medicaid reimbursements for administrative and support services provided to students with special needs. Requires annual reports to the Legislature. (SD1)

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