

ACT 70

H.B. NO. 3799

A Bill for an Act Relating to Health Care.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that a complete health care system includes universal access to health insurance, adequate and affordable medical care, and access to primary care and a broad range of health care services.

Hawaii enjoys the nation's only mandatory pre-paid health insurance law, a "gap-group" state health insurance program (SHIP), and the beginnings of a system of community-based primary health care clinics. Primary health care clinics, with their outreach programs, are in the forefront of health promotion and disease prevention. To ensure the best health care system for the people of Hawaii, it is important to facilitate the development of health care centers in medically underserved areas.

SECTION 2. The department of health shall establish a system of community-based primary health care centers throughout the State. The primary health care centers shall be located in areas designated by the State as medically underserved, following community-based needs assessments. Existing private, nonprofit health care centers which meet the criteria of this Act shall be recognized as components of this system. In areas where no centers exist, the department shall work with existing state and private institutions, including the Hawaii State Primary Care Association, to facilitate the development of community-based health care centers.

The department of health shall begin by examining the following areas of the State for health care access and needs:

- (1) Urban Honolulu;
- (2) Waianae coast, Oahu;
- (3) North shore, Oahu;
- (4) Windward Oahu;
- (5) East Hawaii;
- (6) West Hawaii;
- (7) Maui;
- (8) Molokai;
- (9) Lanai; and
- (10) Kauai.

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary and to the extent possible, each community-based primary health care center within the system shall provide:

- (1) Outpatient medical and health services;
- (2) Community outreach programs;
- (3) Assessment, identification, coordination, and evaluation of health care services in the region;
- (4) A vehicle for the "bundling" of purchase of service contracts and grants-in-aid which serve the same region and which may benefit from shared administrative services, the ability to utilize matching federal funds, and other opportunities;
- (5) Adequate access to health care for hard-to-reach groups, such as immigrants, the homeless, the mentally ill, students, native Hawaiians, teenagers, and others;

- (6) An educational and clinical experience for health care trainees, students, and professionals;
- (7) Data on morbidity, mortality, health promotion, disease prevention, and the utilization and financing of health care in Hawaii; and
- (8) An arena in which to initiate various health care system reforms.

Standards for participation in the community-based primary health care system shall be the same as those for federally funded 329/330 community health care centers.

SECTION 4. It is not the intent of this Act that the department of health compete with existing primary care providers, but rather to meet the needs of the medically underserved gap group. The department shall first attempt to utilize existing private health care providers as part of the community-based primary health care system.

SECTION 5. Section 321-62, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§321-62 General duties of department. The department of health shall study and appraise the State’s dental health needs and resources, and shall foster the development and expansion of dental health services to the people of the State. The department may:

- (1) Conduct research, investigations, experiments, demonstrations, and studies relating to the incidence, causes, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of dental diseases;
- (2) Supervise, provide, and direct clinical dental health services for adults and children [under institutional care] in the State;
- (3) Develop and conduct a program of dental health education of the public;
- (4) Provide information and education relating to dental health to public health nurses, teachers, social workers, and others who deal in a professional capacity with the public, through publications, seminars, institutes, and other appropriate means; and
- (5) Provide training for professional personnel to staff state and local dental health programs.”

SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval, and sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 shall be repealed on July 1, 1995.

(Approved May 15, 1992.)