

**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
MED-QUEST DIVISION**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to sections 91-3 and 92-41, Hawaii Revised Statutes, notice is hereby given that the Department of Human Services will hold a public hearing to consider the amendment of rules of the Med-QUEST Division.

The proposed amendments are based on State laws. Brief descriptions of the proposed amendments are listed below.

CHAPTER 17-1700 – OVERVIEW

This chapter is amended for the purpose of clarifying or adding definitions for housekeeping purposes.

CHAPTER 17-1721 -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO AGED, BLIND, OR DISABLED INDIVIDUALS:

This chapter is amended for the purposes of:

- a. Changing the eligibility requirements relating to the personal reserve standard, standard of assistance and general eligibility for aged, blind or disabled individuals.
- b. Changing the post-eligibility treatment of income and the transfer of assets requirements for institutionalized individuals.
- c. Identifying individuals eligible for coverage on a fee-for-service basis.
- d. Housekeeping to make clarifying amendments, add, amend or repeal definitions and correct citations and grammatical errors.

CHAPTER 17-1721.1 – QUEST EXPANDED ACCESS:

This chapter is amended for the purposes of:

- a. Allowing an individual who meets the provision of subchapter 3 or subchapter 8 of chapter 17-1722 or subchapter 3 of chapter 17-661 to be eligible for QExA.
- b. Modifying the enrollment process to allow exceptions for an enrollee to change health plans outside of the annual plan change period.
- c. Defining the effective date of enrollment into a health plan.
- d. Limiting kidney transplant services covered by the QExA plan to a Medicare beneficiary and eliminating allogenic and bone marrow as a transplant service.
- e. Housekeeping to make clarifying amendments, add, amend or repeal definitions and correct citations and grammatical errors.

CHAPTER 17-1727 – HAWAII HEALTH QUEST

This chapter is amended for the purposes of:

- a. Defining enrollee choice of health plans.
- b. Changing non-financial, categorical and financial eligibility requirements.
- c. Providing QExA coverage for blind or disabled individuals eligible under Title IV-E.
- d. Modifying the enrollment process to allow for additional exceptions for enrollees to change health plans outside of the annual plan change period.
- e. Defining the effective date of enrollment into a health plan.

- f. Allowing the Department to determine the open enrollment period.
- g. Modifying the requirement for disenrollment from a health plan.
- h. Allowing the Department to determine the effective date of enrollment in a health plan during the annual enrollment period.
- i. Eliminating the enrollment cap.
- j. Eliminating premium-shares.
- k. Defining the benefit package for individuals under age 21 years, and age 21 years or older.
- l. Housekeeping to make clarifying amendments, add, amend or repeal definitions and correct citations and grammatical errors.

CHAPTER 17-1728 – QUEST-NET

This chapter is amended for the purposes of:

- a. Changing categorical and financial eligibility requirements.
- b. Defining the benefit package.
- c. Defining enrollee choice of health plans.
- d. Modifying the enrollment process to allow for additional exceptions for enrollees to change health plans outside of the annual plan change period.
- e. Defining the effective date of enrollment into a health plan.
- f. Defining the choice and assignment of a primary care provider for an enrollee.
- g. Housekeeping to make clarifying amendments, add, amend or repeal definitions and correct citations and grammatical errors.

CHAPTER 17-1728.1 – QUEST-ADULT COVERAGE EXPANSION (ACE)

This chapter is amended for the purposes of:

- a. Defining enrollee choice of health plans.
- b. Defining the choice and assignment of a primary care provider for an enrollee.
- c. Changing categorical and financial eligibility requirements.
- d. Defining the benefit package.
- e. Defining the capitated payment paid to the health plan by the Department.
- f. Modifying the enrollment process to allow for additional exceptions for enrollee to change health plans outside of the annual plan change period.
- g. Defining the effective date of enrollment into a health plan.
- h. Allowing the department to determine the enrollment limit.
- i. Housekeeping to make clarifying amendments, add, amend or repeal definitions and correct citations and grammatical errors.

CHAPTER 17-1732 -- COVERAGE OF BLIND OR DISABLED PREGNANT WOMEN AND CHILDREN:

This chapter is amended for the purposes of:

- a. Changing financial eligibility requirements.
- b. Clarifying the eligibility requirements for a pregnant woman.
- c. Defining the effective date of coverage for services incurred.
- d. Housekeeping to make clarifying amendments, add, amend or repeal definitions and correct citations and grammatical errors

CHAPTER 17-1735 -- GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR FEE FOR SERVICE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

This chapter is amended for the purposes of:

- a. Defining the eligibility requirements and services under the fee-for-service program.
- b. Defining the effective date of authorization for payment for services incurred.
- c. Housekeeping to make clarifying amendments, add a definition and correct grammatical errors.

CHAPTER 17-1737 -- SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE FEE FOR SERVICE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:

This chapter is amended for the purposes of:

- a. Clarifying eligibility requirements for hospice services.
- b. Housekeeping to make clarifying amendments, add, amend or repeal definitions and correct grammatical errors.

Date: Thursday, May 10, 2012
Time: 9:00 am
Location: Conference Room 329
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

All interested parties are invited to attend the hearing and to state their views relative to the proposed rules either orally or in writing. Should written testimony be presented, three (3) copies shall be made available to the presiding officer at or before the public hearing to:

Department of Human Services
Med-QUEST Division
Attention: Policy and Program Development Office
P. O. Box 700190
Kapolei, Hawaii 96709-0190

Residents of Hawaii, Kauai, Maui, and Molokai wishing to present oral testimonies may also contact the Med-QUEST Division on the respective neighbor islands no earlier than seven (7) days before the Honolulu hearing date to have their testimony recorded:

East Hawaii Section
88 Kanoelehua Avenue, Room 107
Hilo, Hawaii 96720 (933-0339)

Maui Section
210 Imi Kala Street, Suite 101
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793 (243-5780)

West Hawaii Section
Lanihau Professional Center
75-5591 Palani Road, Ste. 3004
Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96740 (327-4970)

Molokai Section
State Civic Center
65 Makaena Place, Room 110
Kaunakakai, Hawaii 96748 (553-1758)

Kauai Section
4473 Pahee Street, Suite A
Lihue, Hawaii 96766 (241-3575)

Lanai Unit
Call toll free 1-800-894-5755

A copy of the proposed amendments will be available for public viewing from the first working day that the legal notice appears in the Honolulu Star-Advertiser, Hawaii Tribune Herald, West Hawaii Today, The Maui News, and The Garden Island for a period of thirty days after the publication of this notice, from Monday – Friday, exclusive of state holidays, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the

appropriate Med-QUEST Division offices on their respective islands listed above. On Oahu, the proposed amendments will be available at 601 Kamokila Boulevard, Room 518, Kapolei, Hawaii 96707, between the hours of 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and 801 Dillingham Boulevard, 3rd Floor, Honolulu, Hawaii 96817, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., from Monday – Friday, exclusive of state holidays.

Proposed rules are also available at the Virtual Rules Center located at the following website:

<http://www.hawaii.gov/dhs/main/har/>

Special accommodations (i.e. interpreter, sign language interpreter, large print, taped materials, or accessible parking) will be arranged, if requested no later than seven (7) working days before the scheduled public hearing on Oahu by calling 692-8132. Neighbor island residents requesting special accommodations should contact the appropriate Med-QUEST Division Sections on the respective neighbor islands listed above.

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