

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. 447.205, the Department of Human Services ("DHS") is proposing to change the methods and standards for establishing payments rates for long-term care facilities under the Medicaid Program. The proposed changes will be submitted for review to the federal government as part of the Medicaid State Plan Amendment, Transmittal No. 12-002, to be effective following this notice.

The amendment proposes to allow for the re-calculation of the Prospective Payment System (PPS) reimbursement rates to non-governmental nursing facilities and reflect the newly mandated nursing facility sustainability fee. Upon approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the new PPS rate will be effective July 1, 2012.

A copy of the proposed changes are available for public viewing from the first working day that the public notice appears in the Honolulu Star-Advertiser, Hawaii Tribune Herald, West Hawaii Today, The Maui News, and The Garden Island, 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 below. On Oahu, the proposed changes 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., from Monday – Friday, exclusive of State holidays.

On Oahu: Department of Human Services
Med-QUEST Division
Policy & Program Development Office
601 Kamokila Blvd., Room 518
Kapolei, Hawaii 96707-2021
Phone: 692-8058

Mailing Address:
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Policy & Program Development Office
P. O. Box 700190
Kapolei, Hawaii 96709-0190

On Maui: Med-QUEST Division
Maui Section
210 Imi Kala Street, Suite 101
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Phone: 243-5780

On Kauai: Med-QUEST Division

Kauai Section
4473 Pahee Street, Suite A
Lihue, Hawaii 96766
Phone: 241-3575

On Hawaii:

Med-QUEST Division
East Hawaii Section
88 Kanoelehua Ave., Room 107
Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Phone: 933-0339

Med-QUEST Division
West Hawaii Section
Lanihau Professional Center
75-5591 Palani Road, Ste. 3004
Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96740
Phone: 327-4970

In addition, written comments concerning the proposed changes may be sent to P.O. Box 700190 at the Oahu mailing address noted above. Upon request, any written comments that are received by the department may also be reviewed by the public at the locations noted above. There are currently no public hearings scheduled with respect to the proposed changes. Public hearings will be held in conjunction with amendments to the Hawaii Administrative Rules that are made to conform those rules to the changes described in this notice. A notice of the time and place of those hearings will be published at a later time.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
PATRICIA MCMANAMAN, DIRECTOR