

**REPORT TO THE TWENTY-FOURTH HAWAII STATE
LEGISLATURE 2007**

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF
ACT 160, SECTION 4. (44), SECTION 39.2
SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII (SLH) 2006**

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
MED-QUEST DIVISION
DECEMBER 2006**

**REPORT ON ACT 160, SECTION 4. (44), SECTION 39.2, RELATING TO THE
STATE BUDGET, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2006**

Act 160, Section 4. (44), Section 39.2, SLH 2006, appropriated State general and Federal funding, \$463,364 and \$636,348 respectively, for health care payments (HMS 230) for fiscal year 2006-2007, for an increase in the dental fee schedule for neighbor island providers. Section 39.2 also requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to submit a report to include, but not limited to: 1) the current number of dental providers by island; and the increase, if any, in dental providers on the neighbor islands by island.

(1) The current number of dental providers by island:

Island	Hawaii	Maui	Oahu	Molokai	Kauai	Lanai
No. of Dentists by Island	42	21	248	3	14	1

(2) The increase, if any, in dental providers on the neighbor islands by island:

The differential fees have not been initiated at the time this report was generated. The required approval by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is still pending. The Department has been working on establishing equitable differential rates for dental specialists and general dentists and making the necessary system changes to reimburse providers when services are provided on a neighbor island. The fees are to be operationalized by the end of the calendar year.

A provider memorandum will also be sent out shortly to dental providers participating in the Medicaid program as well as to the Hawaii Dental Association to notify dental providers of the new initiative by the Department of Human Services.