

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

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 346-347,
HAWAII REVISED STATUTES**

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
MED-QUEST DIVISION
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**ANNUAL REPORT ON THE STATE PHARMACY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
SECTION 346-347, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES**

Section 346-347, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires the Department of Human Services to submit an annual report on the enrollment and financial status of the State Pharmacy Assistance Program (SPAP).

1) Enrollment

The State Pharmacy Assistance Program began on January 1, 2006, in response to the initiation of the federal Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Program. For the period January 1, 2006 through June 30, 2006, there were 26,767 eligible Hawaii residents enrolled in the State Pharmacy Assistance Program.

2) Expenditures and Financial Status

For the period January 1, 2006, through June 30, 2006, the Department has expended \$562,970 on eligible prescription drug co-payments for persons who are both Medicare and Medicaid eligible with incomes not exceeding 100% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

In the 2006 Regular Session of 2006, the Administration proposed legislation to increase the SPAP income eligibility from 100% FPL to 150% FPL to match the federal Medicare law. This increase was passed by the 2006 Legislature and signed into law by the Governor as Act 264, Session Laws of Hawaii 2006. The Department will report next year on the changes in expenditures and participation level as a result of the changes to the program income eligibility criteria required by Act 264.