

**REPORT TO THE TWENTY-FIFTH HAWAII  
STATE LEGISLATURE 2009**

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF  
ACT 2, SESSION LAW OF HAWAII, SPECIAL SESSION 2008,  
ON POST-PARTUM AND INTERCONCEPTION CARE**

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
MED-QUEST DIVISION  
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**REPORT ON THE STATE PLAN AMENDMENT (SPA) TO EXTEND POST-PARTUM  
AND INTERCONCEPTION CARE PURSUANT TO ACT 2, SESSION LAW OF  
HAWAII, SPECIAL SESSION HAWAII 2008**

Act 2, Section 2, Session Law of Hawaii, Special Session 2008, requires the Department of Human Services to report to the Legislature upon receiving a response from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on the requested amendment to the State Medicaid Plan to extend post-partum and interconception care from eight weeks to at least six months for women participating in the Medicaid QUEST program.

The Department is submitting this report in accordance with Act 2.

The State Plan Amendment (SPA) 08-015 was submitted to CMS on September 29, 2008 to extend the post-partum and interconception period. On December 10, 2008, CMS did not approve the extension period for the following reasons:

- 1) The federal Social Security Act, sections 1902(e) (5), 1902(e) (6) and 1902(1) (1) (A) specify 60 days as the maximum length of Medicaid coverage for the post-partum period after a pregnancy ends.
- 2) The limits for this coverage are specified in statute; a SPA may not redefine the length of the post-partum period.