

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

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

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
MED-QUEST DIVISION
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2008 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).

I. Enrollment

The State Pharmacy Assistance Program (SPAP) began on January 1, 2006, in response to the initiation of the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Program. For the FY 2008, July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, there were 35,106 eligible Hawaii residents enrolled in SPAP.

For FY 2008, SPAP received 168 applications from the community requesting assistance from SPAP. Out of the 168 applications, 22 were approved, 1 was incomplete, and 145 were denied due to their income, assets or duplicated SPAP auto-enrollment status.

II. Expenditures and Financial Status

For FY 2008, the Department expended \$1,289,836.61 on eligible prescription drug co-payments for persons who are both Medicare and Medicaid eligible with incomes not exceeding 150% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

From the previous State fiscal year, the number of participating residents (includes residents up to 150% of FPL) increased 13.0% from 31,055 to 35,106, while expenditures increased 10.5% from \$1,167,164.22 to \$1,289,836.61.