

**REPORT TO THE TWENTY-FIFTH HAWAII STATE
LEGISLATURE 2010**

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

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
MED-QUEST DIVISION
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**2009 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 (DHS) to submit an annual report to the State Legislature 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 State Fiscal Year 2009 (SFY 2009), July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, there were 39,514 eligible Hawaii residents enrolled in SPAP.

For SFY 2009, July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, SPAP received 213 applications from the community requesting assistance from SPAP. Out of the 213 applications, 50 were approved and 163 were denied due to their income, assets or duplicated SPAP auto enrollment status.

II. Expenditures and Financial Status

For SFY 2009, July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, the Department expended \$1,294,716.90 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 12.5% from 35,106 to 39,514, while expenditures increased 0.4% from \$1,289,836.61 to \$1,294,716.90.