

**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
MED-QUEST DIVISION**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to sections 91-3 and 92-41, Hawaii Revised Statutes, notice is hereby given that the Department of Human Services will hold a public hearing to consider the amendment of rules of the Med-QUEST Division.

The proposed amendments are based on State laws. Brief descriptions of the proposed amendments are listed below.

CHAPTER 17-1722.3 – BASIC HEALTH HAWAII:

The chapter is amended for the purposes of:

- a. Allowing the State to determine the open application period.
- b. Modifying the enrollment process to be consistent with other QUEST Expanded related programs.
- c. Defining the effective date of enrollment into a health plan.
- d. Housekeeping to amend or repeal definitions.

CHAPTER 17-1725 – ASSETS

The chapter is amended for the purposes of assuring accuracy of citations for housekeeping purposes.

CHAPTER 17-1727 – QUEST

The chapter is amended for the purposes of:

- a. Enhancing the current benefit package available to eligible individuals age 21 years and older, to include but limited to unlimited inpatient visits, rehabilitation services, optometry services, visual appliances, durable medical equipment and medical supplies to benefits in effect prior to June 25, 2012.
- b. Deleting the exception language to allow individuals under the age of twenty-one years to receive additional services as a result of the amendment to section 17-1727-48.1.

CHAPTER 17-1739.1 – AUTHORIZATION, PAYMENT, AND CLAIMS IN THE FEE-FOR-SERVICE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR NON-INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES:

The chapter is amended for the purposes of:

- a. Establishing a new reimbursement methodology for ingredient cost of prescription drugs.
- b. Increasing the dispensing fee for prescription medications.
- d. Removing the requirement for the State to maintain an advisory estimated acquisition cost committee.
- e. Housekeeping to amend, add or repeal definitions.

Date: February 21, 2013

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Liliuokalani Building, 1390 Miller Street, 2nd Floor Conference Rooms 1 & 2, Honolulu, Hawaii.

All interested parties are invited to attend the hearing and to state their views relative to the proposed rules either orally or in writing. Should written testimony be presented, three (3) copies shall be made available to the presiding officer at or before the public hearing to:

Department of Human Services
Med-QUEST Division
Attention: Policy and Program Development Office
P. O. Box 700190
Kapolei, Hawaii 96709-0190

Residents of Hawaii, Kauai, Maui, and Molokai wishing to present oral testimonies may also contact the Med-QUEST Division on the respective neighbor islands no earlier than seven (7) days before the Honolulu hearing date to have their testimony recorded:

East Hawaii Section
88 Kanoiehua Avenue, Room 107
Hilo, Hawaii 96720 (933-0339)

Maui Section
210 Imi Kala Street, Suite 101
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793 (243-5780)

West Hawaii Section
Lanihau Professional Center
75-5591 Palani Road, Ste. 3004
Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96740 (327-4970)

Molokai Section
State Civic Center
65 Makaena Place, Room 110
Kaunakakai, Hawaii 96748 (553-1758)

Kauai Section
4473 Pahee Street, Suite A
Lihue, Hawaii 96766 (241-3575)

Lanai Unit
Call toll free 1-800-894-5755

A copy of the proposed amendments will be available for public viewing from the first working day that the legal notice appears in the Honolulu Star-Advertiser, Hawaii Tribune Herald, West Hawaii Today, The Maui News, and The Garden Island for a period of thirty days after the publication of this notice, from Monday – Friday, exclusive of state holidays, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the appropriate Med-QUEST Division offices on their respective islands listed above. On Oahu, the proposed amendments will be available at 601 Kamokila Boulevard, Room 518, Kapolei, Hawaii 96707, between the hours of 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and 801 Dillingham Boulevard, 3rd Floor, Honolulu, Hawaii 96817, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., from Monday – Friday, exclusive of state holidays.

Proposed rules are also available at the Virtual Rules Center located at the following website:

<http://www.hawaii.gov/dhs/main/har/>

Special accommodations (i.e., interpreter, sign language interpreter, large print, taped materials, or accessible parking) will be arranged, if requested no later than seven (7) working days before the scheduled public hearing on Oahu by calling 692-8058. Neighbor island residents requesting special accommodations should contact the appropriate Med-QUEST Division Sections on the respective neighbor islands listed above.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
PATRICIA MCMANAMAN, DIRECTOR