REPORT TO THE TWENTY-SIXTH HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE 2012

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACT 25, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2011

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
MED-QUEST DIVISION
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REPORT ADULT DENTAL CARE SUBMITTED BY THE DEPARTMENTOF HUMAN SERVICES AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 3, ACT 25, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2011

Act 25, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 2011, amends Act 191, SLH 2010, which appropriated moneys from the emergency and budget reserve fund to maintain the levels of programs determined to be essential to education, public health and public welfare for fiscal year 2010-2011. The language in Act 191, however, made it difficult to carry out the Legislature's intent prior to the date the funds were scheduled to lapse on June 30, 2010.

Act 25 provided technical corrections to Act 191 that extended the date for funds to lapse to June 30, 2012. In Section 3 of Act 25, the sum of \$1.9 million was appropriated for adult dental care to be provided at federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) with the funding to be expended by the Department of Human Services.

The Department of Human Services will send the executed contract for the provision of dental care services to the Hawaii Primary Care Association in December, 2011. The Hawaii Primary Care Association provides access to health care through their network of community health centers statewide.

As the contract with the Primary Care Association has not begun the Department does not have utilization data to report this year. A report regarding the utilization of funds will be reported prior to the beginning of next year's legislative session. The Hawaii Primary Care Association must expend the \$1.9 million by June 30, 2012.