

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Adoption of Chapter 17-1747
Hawaii Administrative Rules

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SUMMARY

Chapter 17-1747, Hawaii Administrative Rules, entitled "Hawaii Child Wellness Care Program", is adopted.

HAWAII ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

TITLE 17

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

SUBTITLE 12

MED-QUEST DIVISION

CHAPTER 1747

HAWAII CHILD WELLNESS CARE PROGRAM

Subchapter 1 General Provisions

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SUBCHAPTER 1

GENERAL PROVISIONS

§17-1747-1 Purpose. This chapter establishes the Hawaii child wellness care program as a five-year temporary pilot program pursuant to Act 127, Session

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Laws of Hawaii 2022, section 2. The Hawaii child wellness care program provides one payment of \$50.00 per year per child as an incentive to Medicaid beneficiary parents for completing an annual well-child examination for each child of that Medicaid beneficiary. [Eff **MAR 24 2024**] (Auth: HRS §346-14) (Imp: SLH 2022, Act 127, §2)

§17-1747-2 Definitions. As used in this chapter:

"Annual" means once in a twelve-month period.

"Child" means an unmarried individual who is under eighteen years of age. "Child" includes a stepchild and an adopted child.

"Department" means the department of human services of the state of Hawaii, which includes the single state agency responsible for administering the medical assistance program.

"Hawaii child wellness care program" means a \$50.00 incentive to Medicaid beneficiary parents for completing an annual well-child examination for each child of that Medicaid beneficiary; provided that only one annual payment be made per child, pursuant to Act 127, SLH 2022.

"Licensed health care professional" means a primary care provider licensed by the State, including a physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse.

"Medicaid beneficiary parent" means an individual who is actively enrolled in Medicaid as a beneficiary and is legally responsible to support the child(ren).

"Well-child examination" means a routine examination of a child performed by a licensed health care professional as part of preventive pediatric care that includes a review of the child's family-centered health history; a physical examination; immunizations; a comprehensive review of systems to include vision and hearing screening; a developmental and behavioral assessment; an oral health risk assessment; a social assessment; parenting education on a range of topics;

and care coordination, as needed. "Well-child examination" includes well-child visits, well-care visits, and well-care checkups. [Eff MAR 24 2024]
(Auth: HRS §346-14) (Imp: SLH 2022, Act 127, §2)

§17-1747-3 Eligibility requirements. (a) To be eligible, an individual must be:

- (1) A Medicaid beneficiary; and
 - (2) A parent of an unmarried child who is under eighteen years of age.
- (b) Medicaid eligibility for the child is not required. [Eff MAR 24 2024] (Auth: HRS §346-14)
(Imp: SLH 2022, Act 127, §2)

§17-1747-4 Application process. (a) The application for child wellness incentive payments shall be submitted on a form prescribed by the department.

(b) The form shall be completed by the child's licensed health care provider and returned to the department with the following information:

- (1) Name of Medicaid beneficiary parent;
- (2) Child's name and birthdate;
- (3) Date of the annual well-child examination; and
- (4) Signed and dated by a licensed health care professional.

(c) The completed application shall be submitted according to the process as determined by the department. [Eff MAR 24 2024] (Auth: HRS §346-14) (Imp: SLH 2022, Act 127, §2)

§17-1747-5 Program requirements. (a) The department shall provide an opportunity to an eligible individual as defined in section 17-1747-3 to apply for and receive the Hawaii child wellness care program

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\$50.00 incentive per child. The \$50.00 incentive is limited to a single annual payment, subject to availability of funding, provided the following are met:

- (1) Participant eligibility determined by using an application form prescribed by the department;
 - (2) Completion of a well-child examination as defined in section 17-1747-2; and
 - (3) The well-child examination is validated by a licensed health care professional.
- (b) Issuance of the \$50.00 incentive payment per child shall be provided to the Medicaid beneficiary parent when an individual is determined to be eligible.
- (c) Upon a determination of ineligibility for the \$50.00 incentive, the applicant shall receive a notice of denial.
- (1) The applicant shall be granted a review of the denial by the department; and
 - (2) The department's decision from the review will be final. [Eff **MAR 24 2024**]
(Auth: HRS §346-14) (Imp: SLH 2022, Act 127, §2)