

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. §447.205, the Department of Human Services (DHS), Med-QUEST Division (MQD) hereby notifies the public that Hawaii has submitted a State Plan Amendment to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was signed by President Biden on March 11, 2021. The ARPA requires that all Medicaid recipients have access to COVID-19 vaccine and vaccine administration, testing, and treatment without any cost sharing. CMS has provided state plan amendment (SPA) templates for states to attest to COVID-19 vaccine and vaccine administration, testing, and treatment in compliance with the ARPA requirements and an 1135 Waiver template to modify the public notice and tribal consultation requirements to secure the effective date of March 11, 2021.

Hawaii is submitting COVID-19 Vaccine and Vaccine Administration, COVID-19 Testing, and COVID-19 Treatment templates under SPA 22-0007 submission to ensure that the state is appropriately covering these services as follows:

1. Attachment 7.7-A pg. 1-3 (new pages assure state coverage of COVID-19 Vaccine and Vaccine Administration and reimbursement methodology to include vaccine and vaccine administration and stand-alone vaccine counseling codes and rates)
2. Attachment 7.7-B pg. 1-3 (new pages assure state coverage of COVID-19 Testing coverage of eight (8) home tests per individual per month which may be exceeded based on medical necessity and reimbursement methodology)
3. Attachment 7.7-C pg. 1-3 (new pages assure state coverage of COVID-19 Treatment, state definition and reimbursement methodology)

Hawaii will also submit an amendment to the Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP) to ensure that the same services are provided to the low-income adult group or to adults who are covered via the Medicaid expansion with an ABP.

Hawaii has selected the 1135 Waiver option to allow for Public Notice posting at this time.

Under Provisions of federal law, the state is required to issue public notice of proposed changes in statewide methods and standards for setting Medicaid payment rates.

SPA 22-0007 is expected to have minimal effect on the annual aggregate expenditures.

A printed copy of the proposed changes and special accommodations (i.e., interpreter, large print or taped materials) can be arranged if requested by contacting the Policy and Program Development Office at (808) 692-8058 no later than seven (7) working days before the comment period ends.

Comments should be received **within 30 days** from the time this notice is posted. Individuals may submit written comments using the following methods:

By email: PPDO@dhs.hawaii.gov (Please identify in the subject line: State Plan Amendment 22-0007)

By mail:

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