

State of Hawaii
Department of Human Services
MED-QUEST DIVISION


MEDICAID STATE PLAN

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ORIGINATOR: POLICY AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

TO: Custodian of Med-QUEST Division Medicaid State Plan

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SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT UNDER THE MEDICAID STATE PLAN

EXPLANATION:

The State of Hawaii received approval from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for State Plan Amendment (SPA) Number 25-0006 "Nursing Facility edits age 21 and over" on August 7, 2025, effective May 1, 2025.

CMS recommended that Hawaii clarify under the Nursing Facility Age 21 section in Supplement to Attachment 3.1-A and 3.1-B pg. 5 who is authorized by the department to order nursing facility services as required under Nursing facility requirements. The language to this section has been updated to say that "Authorization by the Department's medical consultant is required for level of care and admission to a Nursing Facility (NF). The state comports with the requirements that the care is ordered by and provided under the direction of a physician. Pre-admission screening and resident review is required for admission and continued stay in a NF".

FILING INSTRUCTIONS:

Review and file the amended Medicaid State Plan page in your Medicaid State Plan Manual as follows:

Supplement to Attachment 3.1-A and 3.1-B pg. 5

Remove OLD Supplement to Attachment 3.1-A and 3.1-B pg. 5.

Replace with amended Supplement to Attachment 3.1-A and 3.1-B pg. 5.

Please keep approved SPA 25-0006 package and supporting documentation for your records.

The Med-QUEST Division amendment described above has been incorporated into the electronic version of the Medicaid State Plan located at the Department of Human Services website link for public transparency below:

<http://humanservices.hawaii.gov/reports/hawaii-medicaid-state-plan/>

Attachments

C: Attorney General's Office
Audit, Quality Control & Research Office/Quality Control Staff
Clinical Standards Office
Department of Health/Child & Adolescent Mental Health Division
Department of Health/State Planning Council Developmental Disabilities
Department of Health/Developmental Disabilities Division
Department of Human Services /Adult Protective and Community Services Branch
Department of Human Services/Policy and Program Development Office
Eligibility System Project (KOLEA)
Finance Office
Hawaii Document Center/HI State Library
Hawaii Legislative Reference Bureau Library
Health Care Services Branch
Legal Aid Society of Hawaii

SUPPLEMENT to ATTACHMENT 3.1-A and 3.1-B

18. Authorization by the Department's medical consultant is required for services during a transitional period.
- 20.a.& b. Extended services to pregnant women includes all major categories of services provided for the categorically needy recipients, as long as the services are determined to be medically necessary and related to the pregnancy.
22. Prior authorization is required by the medical consultant for the provision of respiratory care services for ventilator-dependent individuals.
23. Nurse practitioner services shall be limited to the scope of practice a nurse practitioner is legally authorized to perform under State law.
- 24a. Transportation:
- Emergency Medical Transportation Services
- a. Ground or air ambulance service is provided in emergencies or when a beneficiary, as determined by medical necessity criteria, is unable to travel by other non-emergency medical transportation mode.
- b. Out of state travel is covered consistent with 42 CFR 431.52
- Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Services
- a. Non-emergency medical transportation modes, which includes taxi, wheelchair van, stretcher car, transportation network company and commercial carrier transportation, is provided for beneficiaries residing in areas not served by a bus or public transportation system, or when travel by bus or public transportation would be either hazardous or cause extreme hardship to a beneficiary based on state medical necessity criteria.
- b. Air transportation is provided when required specialized medical services are not available on the island of beneficiary's residence.
- c. Out of state travel is covered consistent with 42 CFR 431.52.
- d. The state covers related travel expenses when necessary for accessing covered services.
- e. Except for emergencies, prior authorization is required for air transportation and other non-emergency transportation modes.
- 24d. Authorization by the Department's medical consultant is required for level of care and admission to a Nursing Facility (NF). The state comports with the requirement that the care is ordered by and provided under the direction of a physician. Preadmission screening and resident review is required for admission and continued stay in a NF. (All limitations described herein refer to nursing facility services as found at TN #91-23, Attachment 3.1-A, page 9 at Item 24.d and TN #90-5, Attachment 3.1-B, page 8 at Item 23.d.)

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