



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
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MEMORANDUM

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TO: All Fee-For-Service Providers

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Med-QUEST Division Administrator

SUBJECT: BASIC HEALTH HAWAII

The State of Hawaii implemented a program called Basic Health Hawai'i (BHH) on July 1, 2010. BHH is a State-funded program for non-pregnant adults who are not eligible for Medicaid because they are either immigrants who have legally resided in the United States for less than five years, or non-immigrants from island nations with a Compact of Free Association with the United States (Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, and Palau).

In anticipation of a forthcoming federal court injunction, the Department of Human Services, Med-QUEST Division (MQD) is reinstating the benefit packages that the non-immigrants currently enrolled in BHH received prior to being transferred to BHH according to the following schedule:

<u>Benefit Package</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
QUEST Expanded Access (QExA)	December 15, 2010
QUEST	January 1, 2011

All of these clients will receive a new identification (ID) card that reflects the benefits they are receiving. Until ID cards can be mailed by their health plans, clients will receive a letter from MQD informing them of the change to their benefits. Please recognize this letter in providing care to these clients until they receive their new ID card. Immigrants who have legally resided in the United States for less than five years will still continue to receive their health insurance through the BHH program and retain their BHH ID card.

Effective December 15, 2010, the MQD will start accepting applications from non-pregnant adult non-immigrants who reside in Hawaii.

Thank you for the service that you continue to provide to our clients. If you have any questions, please call the MQD provider hotline at (808) 692-8099.