

**AFFORDABLE HEALTH INSURANCE WORKING GROUP**  
**ACT 43, (HB 552 HD1 SD2 CD1), SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2017**

Meeting Minutes

DATE: September 6, 2017  
TIME: 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
PLACE: Conference Room 229  
State Capitol

**Working Group Attendees:**

Senator Rosalyn Baker, Co-Chair  
Representative John Mizuno, Co-Chair  
Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, House Vice Chair  
Representative Dee Morikawa  
Gordon Ito, Insurance Commissioner, Dept. Commerce and Consumer Affairs  
Judy Mohr Peterson, Med-QUEST Administrator, Dept. Human Services  
Linda Chu Takayama, Director, Dept. Labor and Industrial Relations

**I. Introduction of Members and Staff present**

Review of statutory tasks outlined in Act 43, and the purpose of the Working Group.

**II. and III. Discussion of any Current Federal Actions and Working Group Roundtable Discussion**

*Note: Full audio and video recordings of the Working Group Meeting, as well as the documents and presentations referenced are available on the Capitol Website and can be accessed at the following address: <http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/specialcommittee.aspx?comm=ahiwg&year=2017>*

Discussion topics included:

- Section 1115 Medicaid waiver, including aspects of the waiver which changed with the passage of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), CMS guidance under the new Administration and the implications for Hawai'i's Medicaid expansion and healthcare insurance coverage if current Congressional proposals were enacted;
- State's ACA position statement on various repeal/replace proposals provided to Hawai'i's Congressional delegation as well as the impact of the Executive Order eliminating cost-sharing reduction (CSR) payments;
- Comparison of essential health benefits under ACA vs. Prepaid-approved plans, review of Hawai'i's section 1332 waiver, and other actions affecting or potentially affecting health insurance plans and premiums in Hawai'i;
- Citizenship requirement changes of proposed federal healthcare bill which would adversely affect COFA migrants' ability to gain insurance coverage;
- Outreach funding provided by DHS to assist residents re-enroll in ACA plans in order to keep coverage in the new plan year when Trump administration cut ACA enrollment outreach funds (Navigator programs); and

- Cost drivers in healthcare and impacts were reviewed in Commissioner Ito's informative and thought provoking PowerPoint, "Health Care and Health Insurance on the Threshold of...". A lively discussion followed, including a request to explore community-based initiatives to reduce healthcare cost drivers as well as what incentives might be considered and how to measure success.

#### **IV. Next Steps and Announcements**

- Working group extended an invitation to Director Virginia Pressler, Department of Health, to participate as a member of the working group;
- Med-Quest Administrator Judy Mohr Peterson will present details of Hawai'i's 1115 waiver at a future meeting;
- Working group will invite community healthcare partners to share their innovative ideas on cost containment; and
- At Commissioner Ito's request the working group will explore development of reinsurance programs/pool for certain high risk groups to mitigate future rate increases.

#### **V. Adjournment**