



## **HMA Legislative Report 2010**

HMA conducted careful review to determine its position on pertinent bills this legislative session. Please see below for highlights on some of the critical measures we helped pass and defeat. For more information on the positions HMA has chosen, and more of the bills tracked in 2010, please contact April Donahue, call 536-7702 ext. 110, toll-free (888) 536-2792.

### **Became Law**

#### ***HMA Supported:***

##### **HB2086 RELATING TO HEALTH CARE DATA.**

Allows clinical laboratory test results to be provided to authorized persons or any covered entity for any purpose permitted under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996. Effective upon approval. (SD2)  
Act 72, on 4/29/2010, veto override.

##### **HB2349 RELATING TO VIOLENCE AGAINST HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL.**

Extends protection from assault and terroristic threatening to persons providing services in a hospital emergency room. (HB2349 CD1)  
Act 146, on 5/27/2010

##### **SB930 RELATING TO VOLUNTEER MEDICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES.**

Provides for medical expenses and immunity from liability for licensed medical personnel providing volunteer medical assistance services on behalf of the State or a county. Effective upon approval. (CD1)  
Act 134, on 5/24/2010

##### **SB1178 RELATING TO HEALTH.**

Appropriates \$40,000,000 in general funds and \$80,000,000 in federal Medicaid funds to address a funding shortfall in the Medicaid program. (SB1178 HD2)  
Act 033, on 4/19/2010

##### **SB2600 RELATING TO HEALTHCARE.**

Creates licensing and regulatory standards for respiratory therapists. (CD1) (\$)  
Act 178, on 6/28/2010

##### **SB2885 RELATING TO HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS.**

Establishes a task force to evaluate the current state of health savings accounts options in Hawaii's health insurance market and to explore ways to expand access to these accounts in Hawaii. (CD1)  
Act 158, on 6/2/2010

### **Resolutions Adopted**

#### ***HMA Supported:***

##### **SCR179**

REQUESTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION MANDATING THE SIZE AND EXTENT OF A MANAGED CARE PLAN'S SPECIALTY NETWORK..

##### **SR23**

ESTABLISHING A HAWAII STATE FALL PREVENTION TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP A STATEWIDE APPROACH TO REDUCING FALLS AMONG OLDER ADULTS.

##### **SR27**

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR LOCAL ACCOUNTABILITY OF DRUG FORMULARIES AND DRUG PRIOR AUTHORIZATION POLICIES.

**DEAD**

***HMA Opposed:***

HB2194 RELATING TO TELEMEDICINE.

Clarifies telehealth as a practice of medicine. Amends liability insurance provisions to allow for telehealth coverage under medical malpractice insurance.

HB2691 RELATING TO SMOKING.

Allows smoking in properly permitted liquor establishments not to include restaurants. Requires collection of smoking establishment permit fee with proceeds to go towards organ donation education.

SB2491 RELATING TO TELEMEDICINE.

Requires a study on the inclusion of telehealth services in medical malpractice coverage. Prohibits the department of human services from requiring its approval for medicaid or QUEST plans to deliver services through telehealth for mobile medical van programs in rural counties. Effective upon approval.

Vetoed on 07-06-10 - Returned from the Governor without approval

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