

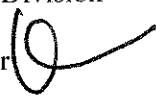
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MEMORANDUM

QUEST MEMO  
ADM-0607

TO: QUEST Medical Plans  
Community Case Management Corporation  
Department of Health/Early Intervention Program  
Department of Health/Child & Adolescent Mental Health Division

FROM: Wesley Mun, Acting Med-QUEST Division Administrator 

SUBJECT: QUEST ADULT COVERAGE EXPANSION (QUEST-ACE), INCLUDING NEW  
RATE CODES FOR QUEST-ACE

**The QUEST-ACE Program**

QUEST-ACE will provide medical assistance to a childless adult who is unable to enroll in the QUEST program due to the limitations of the statewide enrollment cap of QUEST as indicated in §17-1727-26. A childless adult under the QUEST-ACE program is defined as a person who is:

1. Between nineteen years of age through age 64;
2. Is not a child under age twenty-one who is in foster care placement or is covered by a subsidized adoption agreement; and
3. Does not have a dependent child in the home.

Medical benefits will be provided to a childless adult, whose countable family's income exceeds the financial assistance payment standard and is equal to or below one hundred per cent of the federal poverty level (FPL). The individual shall also meet the Medicaid assets limit and shall be determined ineligible for any other medical assistance program.

The QUEST-ACE benefit package will encompass the same limited package of benefits currently provided under the QUEST-Net program. Childless adults under age twenty-one are eligible for EPSDT and will have the full QUEST benefit package. Individuals who are self-employed or is the spouse of a self-employed individual will be assessed a 50% premium share of the QUEST-ACE premium.

The QUEST-ACE program will have an enrollment cap of 12,000. The implementation of the enrollment cap will follow the same procedures as the implementation of the QUEST enrollment cap, in regards to when the maximum enrollment (12,000 for QUEST-ACE) is reached and the open application period.

*These details are based on the proposed QUEST-ACE amendments to the Hawaii Administrative Rules (H.A.R.) to be adopted by April 1, 2007. Any and all terms of these amendment details are subject to change prior to being adopted into the H.A.R.*

### **The QUEST-ACE Rate Codes**

The new QUEST-ACE rate codes will become effective on April 1, 2007. Below are the new QUEST-ACE rate codes:

- EF15 – QUEST-ACE female 0-20
- EF16 – QUEST-ACE female 21-39
- EF17 – QUEST-ACE female 40+
  
- EM15 – QUEST-ACE male 0-20
- EM16 – QUEST-ACE male 21-39
- EM17 – QUEST-ACE male 40+

MQD will place small test files for each plan in their FTP folder. These files will be available to the plans from February 20, 2007 through March 9, 2007. The test files will contain the new codes and will be covered in a couple of daily files and one monthly file for the plans to download. These new rate codes will begin with the April 2007 Monthly files.

The capitation rates attached to these new rate codes will be communicated to the plans under a different memo during the first few months of 2007.

### **Other HPMMIS Changes**

In addition to the new QUEST-ACE rate codes, two other changes will be made to HPMMIS, effective April 1, 2007:

- Eligibility from QUEST-ACE to QUEST can now occur retroactively.
- Eligibility from QUEST-Net to QUEST can now occur retroactively.

Currently, HPMMIS treats these transactions upon notification.

Please let us know if we need to provide any additional information to your office. If you have questions regarding this memorandum, please feel free to call Leslie Tawata at 692-8096 or contact Gene Nakahara in our Systems Office directly at 629-7991.

c: Gene Nakahara