



## Specialty Tier Reform Update – Week of March 3, 2014

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### STATES

#### Hawaii

##### ***Resolution would require impact study of specialty tier coinsurance limits***

Senator Josh Green (D) introduced S.C.R. 64 this week, which would direct the state auditor to study the social and financial impact of his related legislation (S.B. 2173). That bill would require health insurers to cover prescription drugs while limiting any coinsurance or copayments for the highest-cost specialty tier drugs to only \$150 per a thirty-day supply (see Update for Weeks of January 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>).

The findings and recommendations of the auditor would have to be submitted no later than twenty days prior to the end of the 2014 regular legislative session.

#### Kentucky

##### ***New bill would limit cost-sharing for specialty tier drugs***

Rep. James Kay (D) introduced H.B. 578 this week, which would limit coinsurance or copayments for specialty drugs to no more than \$100 per month for up to a 30-day supply, or \$200 per month in the aggregate. The bill also requires an exceptions process for tiered formulary plans and would prohibit plans from placing all drugs of the same class in a specialty tier, a practice occurring in Affordable Care Act (ACA) Marketplace plans in states like Alabama and Florida (see Update for Week of January 6<sup>th</sup>).