

# *Who is HAH*

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii (HAH) is comprised of 170 member organizations, including:

- Hospitals
- Public and private skilled nursing facilities
- Type II adult residential care homes
- Medicare-certified home health agencies
- Hospices
- Assisted living facilities

HAH focuses on vital industry issues such as advocacy (in DC and Hawai`i), quality and reimbursement improvement, strategic education, emergency preparedness, and healthcare workforce development



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# *Hospitals in Hawaii*



- Adventist Health Castle
- Hamakua Hospice and Skilled Nursing
- Hilo Benioff Medical Center
- Lanai Community Hospital
- Kahuku Medical Center
- Kaiser Permanente – Moanalua Medical Center
- Kapiolani Medical Center for Women & Children
- Ka`u Hospital
- Kauai Veterans Memorial Hospital
- Kohala Hospital
- Kona Community Hospital
- Kuakini Medical Center
- Maui Memorial Medical Center
- Moloka`i General Hospital
- Pali Momi Medical Center
- Queen's North Hawaii Community Hospital
- Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific
- Samuel Mahelona Memorial Hospital
- Shriners Children's Hawai`i
- Straub Benioff Medical Center
- The Queen's Medical Center – Manamana
- The Queen's Medical Center – Wahiawā
- The Queen's Medical Center – West O`ahu
- Tripler Army Medical Center
- Wilcox Medical Center



## *Increase in Uninsured Population and Costs*

- Initial estimate that around 40,000 individuals would lose healthcare coverage
  - 30,000 Medicaid enrollees
  - 10,000 ACA plan enrollees
- Kaiser Family Foundation estimates that this the uninsurance rate could increase by 3%, effectively doubling the uninsured rate in Hawaii
- Estimated annual increase in uncompensated care costs (UCC) of \$30-35 million just for the uninsured population
  - Current UCC is approximately \$15 million, projected to increase to approximately \$45 million
  - UCC is inclusive of charity care, financial assistance, and bad debt



## *Potential Consequences*

- Federal funding cuts combined with rising levels of bad debt threaten the precarious financial stability of Hawaii's hospitals
  - State-wide margin for private hospitals in 2024 was  $-1\%$  even with the provider tax
- Coverage losses and lack of payment will require consideration of cuts to programs and services
  - Either closure of entire programs/services/beds, or a significant cutback
- Ability to hire and pay for needed workforce could also be impacted
- Concern over impact to rural communities
  - RHTP results not announced until end of the month



## *Rural Health Transformation Fund*

- Deadline for notification from CMS is 11:59 PM EST on 12/31/25
- Funding available to Hawaii is between \$100-200 million for each of the next five years
- Major highlights of grant application:
  - Workforce development - \$45 million
  - Telehealth - \$15 million
  - Accessing care - \$55 million
  - Rural Health Information Network - \$45 million
  - Rural Value Based Innovation Fund - \$20 million
  - Oversight team - \$5 million