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NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

DATE: Friday, December 19, 2025
TIME: 1:30pm
PLACE: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

The purpose of this informational briefing is to receive an in-depth report from the Department of Human Services (DHS) Med-QUEST Division on the current status of Medicaid (QUEST Integration) in Hawai'i, specifically addressing the recent and impactful federal policy changes. The agenda will focus on the Status of the Post-PHE Medicaid Unwinding Process, analyzing Hawai'i's eligibility redetermination progress and disenrollment rates. Discussion will cover Federal Policy Changes from legislation like the OBBBA of 2025, which introduces administrative burdens and increased eligibility checks that are projected to cause significant disenrollment. Finally, the briefing will examine the Correlations with Disenrollment and ACA Marketplace Transition, focusing on the process of moving ineligible individuals to the Marketplace, their qualification for ACA Premium Tax Credits (APTCs), and the potential severe consequences from the scheduled expiration of enhanced APTCs at the end of 2025.

The briefing will also include presentations from key Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCOs): Kaiser, HMSA, and AlohaCare. And two Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC): Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center (WCCHC), and Hawaii Island Comprehensive Health Center (HICHC). Concluded by a presentation from HealthCare Association of Hawaii (HAH).

List of individuals/Departments that will be present:

- Department of Human Services (DHS), Judy Mohr Peterson, Administrator, Med-Quest Division ([DHS Briefing Materials](#))
- Department of Health (DOH), Jack Lewin, Administrator, State Health Planning and Developmental Agency ([DOH Briefing Materials](#))
- Hawaii Medical Services Association (HMSA), Jen Awakuni, AVP of Medicaid ([HMSA Briefing Materials](#))
- Kaiser Permanente (KP), Jonathan Ching, Director of Government Relations ([KP Briefing Materials](#))
- AlohaCare (AC), Mike Nguyen, Director of Public Policy ([AC Briefing Materials](#))

- Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center (WCCHC), Leinaala Kanana, Vice President ([WCCHC Briefing Materials](#))
- Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center (WCCHC), Cindy Yee, Chief Financial Officer
- Hawaii Island Comprehensive Health Center (HICHC), Richard Taaffe, CEO
- HealthCare Association of Hawaii (HAH), Hilton Raethel, President & CEO ([HAH Briefing Materials](#))

Agenda

- I. Anticipated effects of OBBBA (HR1) Impacts on Medicaid Eligibility By Judy Mohr Peterson of DHS – Med-Quest
- II. Is a revival of the State Health Insurance Plan a solution for the uninsured? By Dr. John Lewin, SHPDA Director and former DoH Director
- III. Effects on Medicaid Insurance Plan by AlohaCare
- IV. Effects of Expiration of ACA Premium Tax Credits and Anticipated Impacts on Marketplace enrollment due to decreased subsidies and lack of access to subsidies for certain immigrants
 - a. Hawaii Medical Services Association Presentation
 - b. Kaiser Permanente Presentation
- V. Consequences on Federally Qualified Health Centers
 - a. Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center Presentation
 - b. Hawaii Island Comprehensive Health Center Presentation
 - c. Healthcare Association of Hawaii Presentation

No public testimony will be accepted.

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