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ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
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Subarea Health Planning Councils (SACs)

Hawaii County Subarea Health Planning Council (HCSAC)

Honolulu Subarea Health Planning Council (HONSAC)

Kauai County Subarea Health Planning Council (KCSAC)

Tri-Isle Subarea Health Planning Council (TISAC)

West Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council (WOSAC)

Windward Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council (WISAC)

SACs	Date of SAC Meeting/Activity in July	Date of Latest Updates Available at https://health.hawaii.gov/shpda/public-meeting-minutes/	Date of Next Meeting/Activity Scheduled
Hawaii	July 15, 2025	July 15, 2025	August 19, 2025
Honolulu	July 18, 2025	July 18, 2025	August 8, 2025
Kauai	Did not meet	December 16, 2024	Has not been scheduled
Tri-Isle	Did not meet	March 14, 2025	August 8, 2025
West Oahu	Did not meet	January 22, 2025	August 7, 2025
Windward Oahu	Did not meet	Not Available	Has not been scheduled

Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC)

Date of SHCC Meeting/Activity in July	Date of Latest Updates Available at https://health.hawaii.gov/shpda/public-meeting-minutes/	Date of Next Meeting/Activity Scheduled
Did not meet	December 9, 2024	Has not been scheduled

Statewide Health Coordinating Council-Plan Development Committee (PDC)

Date of PDC Meeting/Activity in July	Date of Latest Updates Available at https://health.hawaii.gov/shpda/public-meeting-minutes/	Date of Next Meeting/Activity Scheduled
Did not meet	November 18, 2024	Has not been scheduled

Advisory Councils

Health Data Advisory Council
Keiki Advisory Council
Kupuna Advisory Council
Universal Access Advisory Council

Advisory Councils	Date of Advisory Council Meeting/Activity in July	Date of Latest Updates Available at https://health.hawaii.gov/shpda/public-meeting-minutes/	Date of Next Meeting/Activity Scheduled
Data	July 22, 2025	July 22, 2025	Has not been scheduled
Keiki	Did not meet	November 1, 2024	Has not been scheduled
Kupuna	Did not meet	March 11, 2025	Has not been scheduled
Universal Access	Did not meet	February 10, 2025	Has not been scheduled

Health System Reform

Aloha. July of 2025 was a month of reckoning for Hawai'i in terms of health system reform for Hawai'i. The One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) was signed into law as HR 1 (2025), and it contains a reduction of almost \$1 trillion dollars from the Medicaid program over 10 years; and it further reduces subsidies for patients using the ACA (Obamacare) exchanges. Both of these provisions will likely significantly expand the numbers of uninsured. We have 26,000 beneficiaries in the ACA exchange here, and well over 400,000 people enrolled in Med-QUEST. SHPDA's Health Data Advisory Council, in their 2025 report, estimated that the statewide uninsured rate to be 3.3%, the second lowest rate in the nation, but some fear the number may grow to as high as 10% as the law takes full effect starting in 2027. We hope that does not occur; but we need to be prepared for the possibility.

Health System Reform (con't)

There is a bright spot in HR 1, which is the Rural Health Transformation Fund. This fund comes in 2 tranches of \$25 Billion each, and each will provide states funding for 5 years from 2026 through 2030 based on official state application proposals which are due this December. The first tranche funds applicant states equally—assuming we successfully get this one, we will receive \$100 million per year for 5 years. The second tranche is competitive and based on the discretion of CMS Administrator, Dr. Oz. No research or bricks and mortar are allowed for this, but it is otherwise a great opportunity for the state to potentially receive another \$100 M per year or more if successful, and the Governor is excited about the options. It could certainly benefit DOH rural health objectives!

The AHEAD grant is also proceeding, although the start date for implementation has been delayed by one year to Jan 2028 due to additional changes and delays caused by the change of administrations in DC. And, in the 2026 Legislature, SHPDA will be sponsoring several bills, including getting the relatively few uninsured keiki in the state (not eligible for Med-QUEST) with guaranteed health insurance. We will also re-submit our proposal to fund electronic health records (EHRs) for rural health providers if that will not be covered by the HR 1 rural health funding. We will also consider whether seeking coverage for continuous glucose monitors, genetic testing and biomarker testing for certain cancers and other conditions requiring this, and additional staffing and resources that SHPDA greatly needs.

Thanks, Jack Lewin MD

Research and Statistics

As of July 31, 2025, the response rate for SHPDA's annual healthcare utilization survey for calendar year 2024 was at 99.1%. The Research Statistician are working to process the survey data for the creation of the 2024 Healthcare Utilization Report.

The Hawaii Health Data Center (HHDC) Project Team

Current Data Submission Status (08/04/2025):

1. CVS Health: Q2 2025 data received.
2. EUTF: Q2 2025 data received.
3. Hawaii Dental Service: Q2 2025 data received.
4. Kaiser: Q2 2025 data received.
5. Hawaii Medical Service Association: Q2 2025 data received.
6. VSP Vision Care: Q2 2025 data received.

Certificate of Need Applications

- #25-05A Maui Youth and Family Services, Inc.
Establishment of 8 bed Special Treatment Facility at 1931 Baldwin Avenue,
Makawao, HI.
Public noticed July 24, 2025.
- #25-07A Mililani Gastro, LLC
Establishment of outpatient surgery (surgicenter) services limited to
endoscopy procedures at 95-390 Kuahelani Avenue, #4A, Mililani, HI.
Approved May 20, 2025.
- #25-08A Kauai Veterans Memorial Hospital
Replacement of Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) unit at 4643 Waimea
Canyon Drive, Waimea, HI.
Approved May 21, 2025.