



**STATE HEALTH PLANNING  
AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - KA 'OIHANA OLAKINO

**JOSH GREEN, M.D.**  
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII  
KE KIA'ĀINA O KA MOKU'ĀINA 'O HAWAII

**KENNETH S. FINK, MD, MGA, MPH**  
DIRECTOR OF HEALTH  
KA LUNA HO'ŌKELE

**JOHN C. (JACK) LEWIN, M.D.**  
ADMINISTRATOR

1177 Alakea St., #402, Honolulu, HI 96813 Phone: 587-0788 Fax: 587-0783 www.shpda.org

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**  
**March 2026**

**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)

| <b>SACs</b>          | <b>Date of SAC Meeting/Activity in February</b> | <b>Date of Latest Updates Available at <a href="https://health.hawaii.gov/shpda/public-meeting-minutes/">https://health.hawaii.gov/shpda/public-meeting-minutes/</a></b> | <b>Date of Next Meeting/Activity Scheduled</b> |
|----------------------|---|--|--|
| <b>Hawaii</b>        | Did not meet                                    | November 18, 2025  | March 6, 2026                                  |
| <b>Honolulu</b>      | Did not meet                                    | November 14, 2025  | March 2, 2026                                  |
| <b>Kauai</b>         | Did not meet                                    | December 16, 2024  | Has not been scheduled                         |
| <b>Tri-Isle</b>      | Did not meet                                    | August 8, 2025   | March 19, 2026                                 |
| <b>West Oahu</b>     | Did not meet                                    | September 18, 2025   | March 4, 2026                                  |
| <b>Windward Oahu</b> | February 23, 2026                               | February 23, 2026  | Has not been scheduled                         |

**Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC)**

| <b>Date of SHCC Meeting/Activity in February</b> | <b>Date of Latest Updates Available at <a href="https://health.hawaii.gov/shpda/public-meeting-minutes/">https://health.hawaii.gov/shpda/public-meeting-minutes/</a></b> | <b>Date of Next Meeting/Activity Scheduled</b> |
|--|--|--|
| Did not meet                                     | August 20, 2025  | Has not been scheduled                         |

**Statewide Health Coordinating Council-Plan Development Committee (PDC)**

| <b>Date of PDC Meeting/Activity in February</b> | <b>Date of Latest Updates Available at <a href="https://health.hawaii.gov/shpda/public-meeting-minutes/">https://health.hawaii.gov/shpda/public-meeting-minutes/</a></b> | <b>Date of Next Meeting/Activity Scheduled</b> |
|---|--|--|
| 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

| <b>Advisory Councils</b> | <b>Date of Advisory Council Meeting/Activity in February</b> | <b>Date of Latest Updates Available at <a href="https://health.hawaii.gov/shpda/public-meeting-minutes/">https://health.hawaii.gov/shpda/public-meeting-minutes/</a></b> | <b>Date of Next Meeting/Activity Scheduled</b> |
|--------------------------|--|--|--|
| <b>Data</b>              | Did not meet   | July 22, 2025  | Has not been scheduled                         |
| <b>Keiki</b>             | Did not meet   | November 1, 2024   | Has not been scheduled                         |
| <b>Kupuna</b>            | Did not meet   | December 19, 2025  | Has not been scheduled                         |
| <b>Universal Access</b>  | Did not meet   | February 10, 2025  | March 11, 2026                                 |

**Prior Authorization Work Group (PAWG)**

| <b>Date of PAWG Meeting/Activity in February</b> | <b>Date of Latest Updates Available at <a href="https://health.hawaii.gov/shpda/public-meeting-minutes/">https://health.hawaii.gov/shpda/public-meeting-minutes/</a></b> | <b>Date of Next Meeting/Activity Scheduled</b> |
|--|--|--|
| February 9, 2026                                 | December 17, 2025  | Has not been scheduled                         |

## **Health System Reform**

Health system reform has not materially changed much in the past month. But so much is happening. The key issues are:

1. Rising numbers of uninsured persons based on 2 unfortunate aspects of HR1 (the Big Beautiful Bill) involve those who will lose Medicaid coverage due to new reporting and/or work requirements (approximately 20,000-40,000 estimated to be affected according to Med-QUEST) ; and also involve those who drop coverage in the ACA Exchanges due to loss of tax credits and unaffordability of coverage costs (about half of the current 26,000 beneficiaries are expected to drop out). We are working with MQD to create strategies to offset these trends.
2. Concern in the Legislature about how to potentially cover rising numbers of newly uninsured individuals, which could number 40,000-50,000 total (hopefully not). These numbers do not include approximately 50,000 people who have been currently uninsured since the low-cost SHIP program of 1990 was no longer available. They are people not eligible for Medicaid, too young for Medicare, and self-employed or ineligible for the Prepaid Healthcare Act coverage (the employer mandate unique to Hawai'i among the states).
3. SHPDA has been asked to explore means of covering these individuals in the coming years until health system reform is enacted to provide access to all. Resurrecting the 1990 (Act 378) State Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) is one such idea that was entertained as an option by the Legislature (Senate Health and Human Services Committee). SHPDA has called a meeting of our Universal Access Advisory Committee (UAAC), with representatives of insurers, hospitals, providers and doctors and health policy experts. They are willing to explore options over 2026 to be reviewed in the next Legislature.
4. The AHEAD grant is moving forward in planning and pre-implementation. The ambitious goals of AHEAD will be slowed by some of the changes in reimbursement imposed by HR1. But CMS didn't propose that bill, and Dr. Oz and others there know that changes are needed to offset provisions Congress imposed that don't make good policy sense. Nonetheless, we believe the AHEAD grant will succeed and will move forward, with implementation beginning in 2028. CMS is committed to that as well.
5. The Rural Health Transformation Program is also moving rapidly forward. SHPDA, working the Gov's office, DOH, DHS/MQD, UH, and others are committed to its successful implementation. SHPDA has decided, with support of CMS and AHEAD leaders and the Governor to launch a new state-initiated, clinician-owned Accountable Care Organization (ACO). This will be an option among other choices for doctors, independent practitioners, health centers, and rural hospitals to prepare for the AHEAD grant challenges, and to improve their bottom lines while they also improve population health in smarter ways.

More later! --- Mahalo, Jack Lewin, Administrator

### **Research and Statistics**

The SHPDA's annual healthcare utilization survey document for calendar year 2025 was distributed to healthcare providers/facilities in January 2026. The healthcare providers/facilities are asked to complete the survey for calendar year 2025 by May 31, 2026.

As required by the 2025 Act 151, SHPDA started to collect information on the prior authorization of healthcare services in January 2026. A report of the prior authorization is expected to be available at SHPDA website in March 2026.

### **The Hawaii Health Data Center (HHDC) Project Team**

*Current Data Submission Status (03/06/2026):*

1. CVS Health: Q4 2025 data received.
2. EUTF: Q4 2025 data received.
3. Hawaii Dental Service: Q4 2025 data received.
4. Kaiser: Q4 2025 data received.
5. Hawaii Medical Service Association: Q4 2025 data received.
6. VSP Vision Care: Q4 2025 data received.

### **Certificate of Need Applications**

#25-10            Pacific Pearl Medical, LLC  
Establishment of Positron Emission Tomography/Computed Tomography (PET/CT) scanner services at 800 Kamaaha Avenue, Unit #6 and #7, Kapolei, HI.  
Waiting for applicant to submit amendments.