



HALE MAKUA HEALTH SERVICES

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Maui PACE (Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly) Closing August 31

KAHULUI, Hawaii, May 25, 2010 – Due to ongoing financial losses, Hale Makua Health Services will close Maui PACE (Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly) by August 31, 2010. PACE provides health care and supports that enable frail older people to live in their communities. Connie Miller, Director of Maui PACE, noted: “It is with great regret that Hale Makua Health Services will be closing Maui PACE. We still believe that PACE Plans provide a valuable and desirable alternative to nursing home placement. Unfortunately, the population on Maui is not large enough to support this type of program, and we can no longer manage the financial risk.”

Maui PACE staff will work closely with each participant and their family members to select a primary care doctor, and to sign up with a Medicare and/or Medicaid QUEST Expanded Access (QExA) Health Plan. Participants will continue receiving Maui PACE services until the effective date of enrollment in the individual’s new health plan. Should you have any questions about the closure of Maui PACE, please call 808.442.4551.

Hale Makua Health Services is a private, non-profit 501c3 corporation that was established in 1946. The organization is committed to the mission of excellence in healthcare in our home and yours. Hale Makua Health Services is one of Maui’s largest non-government employers with over 500 employees serving three home- and community-based healthcare programs. Programs include: Hale Makua Long-Term Care with two campuses, one in Wailuku and the other in Kahului providing skilled nursing care and homes for as many as 378 residents; Home Health by Hale Makua, which provides post-acute care and social work services to homebound clients of all ages and adult foster family care management; and Rehab by Hale Makua provides physical, occupational, speech and hand therapy in both in- and out-patients. Visit us online at www.HaleMakua.org.

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