



## **HALE MAKUA HEALTH SERVICES**

COMPASSION COMMITMENT COMMUNITY

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### **Kathy Deknis Promoted to Director, Home Health by Hale Makua**

KAHULUI, Hawaii, September 14, 2009 – Kathy Deknis joined the Home Health by Hale Makua team in April 2007 as a Clinical Coordinator and has been promoted to Director of the Program. She replaces retiring director Jim Kahler. Kathy is a Registered Nurse and holds a master’s degree in Public Health. She previously worked as an Agency Nurse at Arc of Maui prior to joining the Home Health by Hale Makua team, and has gained extensive experience from positions as a Case Manager, Nurse Trainer, Nurse Supervisor of case managers, Associate Administrator of a home health agency, and Staff Nurse in hospital surgical, neurosurgical and burn units.

Kathy also created and taught college level medical terminology courses. She is a certified instructor for CPR. Kathy has worked with providers of care, insurance companies and schools. This wealth of experience is very valuable to Home Health by Hale Makua as she oversees costs against budgets, reviews all clinical data for compliance and adherence to quality standards, and remains accountable to Hale Makua Health Services and the community. By adherence to these standards and desired outcomes, Home Health by Hale Makua continues to be accredited by the Community Health Accreditation Program.

Hale Makua Health Services is a private, non-profit 501(c)3 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 nongovernment employers with over 500 employees serving four home- and community-based healthcare programs. Programs include: Hale Makua Long-Term Care with two campuses, one in Wailuku caring for 124 residents and the other in Kahului providing homes for up to 254 people; 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; Rehab by Hale Makua; and the Hawaii’s only Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly, Maui PACE. Visit us online at [www.HaleMakua.org](http://www.HaleMakua.org).

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