



## HALE MAKUA HEALTH SERVICES

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### **Free Public Presentation on a New and Different Kind of Healthcare for Older Adults**

KAHULUI, Hawaii October 16, 2009 – Maui PACE will be hosting two free informational sessions for individuals who would like to learn more about Maui PACE, an all-inclusive healthcare program for older adults, on Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the Kamali'i Elementary School Cafeteria in Kiehi, and on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. at the J. Walter Cameron Center auditorium in Wailuku. Maui PACE is a healthcare program that supports individuals' desire to remain in their own homes and community for as long as possible.

Maui PACE services are individualized to meet client needs and include medical care, prescription medications, hospitalization, adult day health services, home health care, transportation and more. Maui PACE may be a healthcare solution for individuals who are age 55 or older, currently living safely in the community, qualify for nursing home level of care, and reside within the Maui PACE service area. Participants in Maui PACE do not pay any co-payments or deductibles. In some cases, depending on financial situation and eligibility for Medicare and Medicaid, there may be a monthly cost share.

Cheryl Adolpho of Maui PACE will be speaking about the program and will be able to answer any questions. Born and raised on Maui, Ms. Adolpho is a graduate of Baldwin High School and the University of Washington where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in social work. As a former caregiver for her elderly father, she knows first hand how difficult it can be and the amount of support needed to maintain family members in the home environment. Prior to joining Hale Makua Health Services Ms. Adolpho worked with Maui Family Support Services, Hawaii State Department of Health, St. Francis Medical Center Renal Institute of the Pacific, and Community Clinic of Maui, to name just a few.

Warren F. Wong, M.D., Hale Makua's Medical Director and Maui PACE physician, will also be speaking about the pros and cons of various senior living environments, and will be available after the Maui PACE presentation to address any questions that the public may have. Dr. Wong previously worked in San Francisco at On Lok, which is the ground-breaking model of coordinated service delivery and innovative financing that PACE is based on. Dr. Wong specializes in Geriatric Medicine, and has been practicing medicine in Hawaii for over 28 years. He attended medical school at the University of California, Davis, and performed his residencies at Mount Zion Medical Center of the University of California in San Francisco and the University of Hawaii's John A Burns School of Medicine. Dr. Wong is also a core faculty member of the Department of Geriatricians at

the University of Hawaii where he serves as the Clinical Professor of Geriatric Medicine Kaiser Permanente. His areas of interest include dementia and models of population management.

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 non-government 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 Maui PACE - Hawaii's only Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly. Visit us online at [www.HaleMakua.org](http://www.HaleMakua.org).

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