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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING AWARDED \$800,000 GRANT
TO FUND NEW PROGRAM**

HONOLULU – The Executive Office on Aging, an agency attached to the Hawaii State Department of Health, has received a three-year, \$800,000 grant from the U.S. Administration on Aging and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to begin a program that will ultimately serve as the single entry point for information regarding all public and private long-term care services, including the Medicaid program.

The Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) grant program will help start a pilot one-stop site in Hawaii County that may serve as a model for other sites throughout the state; develop strategies for statewide access such as telecommunications and websites; and help seek resources for a one-stop center in Honolulu.

“Hawaii will be joining a national effort to make it easier for citizens to access long term care resources, information, and help,” says Pat Sasaki, Executive Director of the State Executive Office on Aging. “This includes in-home, community-based services, nursing homes and other programs that are designed to help the elderly and individuals with disabilities. The effort depends upon successful agreements among government and private agencies and achieving good community support.”

The Executive Office on Aging funds aging and caregiver support services through statewide county/area agencies on aging, and also administers federally-funded programs that provide Medicare and health insurance counseling, Medicare and Medicaid fraud prevention education, and advocacy for residents of licensed care facilities.

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