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Changes to the Law Regarding HIV Testing in Hawai'i:

The **purpose of the new law**, Act 116 (09), is to remove barriers and increase routine Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) testing by health care providers in Hawai'i so more people can learn their HIV status and, if positive, access appropriate prevention and care services.

The new law **no longer requires** pre-test counseling or written informed consent specific to HIV testing

Specifically, the new law states that health care providers may test for HIV infection after:

(1) Orally explaining that some test results are maintained by the Hawai'i Department of Health (DOH), according to strict confidentiality protocols established by law;

(2) Orally advising that free and anonymous HIV testing is available through the DOH and certain community agencies;

(3) Providing the person reasonable opportunity to decline the HIV test; and

(4) Receiving the person's express oral consent to the test.

A health care provider may use a written form that, at a minimum, provides equivalent information to that prescribed above, provided that the health care provider shall allow the person reasonable opportunity to decline consent by declining to sign the form.

This change in the law DOES NOT apply to blood banks, plasma centers, or any other public or private agency or institution that tests for HIV. A written consent for performing an HIV test is still required for these facilities, and the person must be given the opportunity to receive pre and post-test HIV counseling regardless of the results.

Free and Anonymous HIV Tests are Available on Oahu at:

Hawaii State Department of Health
STD/HIV Clinic
Diamond Head Health Center
3627 Kilauea Ave., Room 306
Honolulu, HI 96816
(808) 733-9280
Monday – Friday, 11:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Life Foundation
677 Ala Moana Blvd., Suite 226
Honolulu, HI 96813
(808) 521-2437
Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Waikiki Health Center
277 'Ohua Ave.
Honolulu, HI 96815
(808) 922-4787, Weekdays by appointment

Waianae Coast Comp Health Center
86-260 Farrington Hwy
Waianae, HI 96792
(808) 306-5006, By appointment

Kalihi-Palama Health Center
915 N. King St.
Honolulu, HI 96717
(808) 848-1438
Weekdays by appointment

Kokua Kalihi Valley Clinic
Note: Kalihi Valley Residents
1846 Gulick Ave.
Honolulu, HI 96819
(808) 848-0976, By appointment

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