

HOME HEALTH CARE AGENCY UTILIZATION

The State Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA), in partnership with the Hawaii Association for Home Care, continues to collect annual utilization data to determine the amount of home health services delivered in the State and the costs of providing these services, as well as to identify unmet needs. Statistics were first collected in 1996, with the first survey results reported in "Home Health Care in Hawaii: 1995 Utilization and Estimation of Need, May 1996." Subsequent years of data were reported in SHPDA's annual "Inpatient Facilities and Home Health Services Utilization Report."

In February 2001, a "Home Care Minimum Data Set by Island" survey was mailed to all home health agencies to obtain 2000 calendar year data. The following minimum data set was used: Admissions (includes patients admitted more than one time in the year); total patients served (includes all patients admitted to service during the year, plus patients admitted before 2000 but served in 2000); gross expenses; patient referral source; number of patients age 65 and over; visits by discipline; and service in hours for private duty agencies.

For infusion pharmacies, the survey included the number of enteral and parenteral patients served.

For home medical equipment companies and infusion pharmacies, only statewide figures were collected to ensure confidentiality and facilitate the reporting of data on

the survey form.

Forty-five (45) out of a total of sixty-one (61) home health agency branches responded, for a 74% overall return rate.

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