



## Maui Health Care Initiative Task Force

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### **Maui Health Care Initiative Task Force Meets Saturday November 10 to Craft Maui County Health Care System Strategic Plan**

The Maui Health Care Initiative Task Force, established by the Legislature, meets Saturday, November 10, at Maui Memorial Medical Center Auditorium in Wailuku from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to craft a long range Maui County health care system plan.

At its November 3 meeting, the task force's three investigative committees (Acute/Primary/Emergency, Home and Community Based Services and Disaster Preparedness) reported preliminary findings, conclusions, and recommendations. The task force deliberated about Maui County's health care needs in the following areas:

- Acute, Primary and Emergency services (emergency care and transportation system, mental health and dental services, obstetric and neonatal services, pharmacy services, modernization of facilities, provider reimbursement equity, and workforce development)
- Home and Community Based Services (facility infrastructure, service capacity, including increased program and funding needs, technology services, provider reimbursement equity, workforce development, modification of the certificate of need process and state health plan);
- Disaster Preparedness (Public awareness, public education, communication command central roles and responsibilities, systems back up and compatibility).

The public is encouraged to attend and provide public testimony, which is scheduled at the beginning of the meeting.

Copies of task force agendas and minutes and committee reports are available at [www.shpda.org](http://www.shpda.org) Click on Health Partnerships/Maui Health Care Initiative Task Force Materials. Or call or write the State Health Planning and Development Agency, 1177 Alakea St. #402, Honolulu, HI 96813 Phone: (808)-587-0788.

Act 219, signed in to law on June 28, 2007, creates the Maui Health Care Initiative Task Force within the state health planning and development agency (SHPDA) for administrative purposes to develop a comprehensive strategic health plan for the county of Maui. SHPDA and the Department of Health provide technical and administrative support to the task force. Members are appointed by the Mayor of the County of Maui, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House.