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## **HHSC EXTENDS CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH HMSA**

(HONOLULU, HI) Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) has entered into extended contract negotiations with the Hawai'i Medical Services Association (HMSA) to provide health care services for HMSA commercial and Quest integration members. The present contract was scheduled to end on June 30, 2022.

“For too many years HMSA has paid HHSC’s hospitals far less than the national average and less than our private counterparts here in Hawai’i,” said Dr. Linda Rosen, HHSC President and CEO. “A new contract is our opportunity to finally close the payment gap. Had we not extended negotiations and let the contract expire, hundreds would need to seek payment for our healthcare services directly from HMSA.”

HHSC has been negotiating in good faith since contract negotiations began in March 2022. If HHSC is unable to reach an agreement, HMSA members who rely on HHSC’s services will be out of network meaning HMSA would no longer pay HHSC directly on their behalf. Recognizing the hardship this would impose on HMSA members who rely on HHSC’s services, HHSC accepted HMSA’s offer to extend the contract for 30 days to continue to negotiate.

HHSC East Hawai’i CEO Dan Brinkman said “The last thing we want to do is place a burden on patients we are here to serve. But I hope they understand we can’t continue to provide the high-quality care they deserve without fair payment. Hilo Medical Center is recognized by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) as a Five Star hospital, one of only seven in Hawai’i to receive CMS’s highest quality rating.”

HHSC facilities and associated clinics affected by the expiring HMSA contract are located on Hawa’i Island and Kaua’i.

Hawai’i Island:

- Hilo Medical Center
- Hale Ho’ola Hamakua
- Ka’ū Hospital
- Kohala Hospital
- Kona Community Hospital

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Kaua'i:

- Kauai Veterans Memorial Hospital
- Samuel Mahelona Memorial Hospital

HHSC is a public hospital system supported by state funds to assure Hawai'i's diverse communities receive essential healthcare services.

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