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The First PACE Program in Hawaii Opens on Maui

KAHULUI, Hawaii (Hale Makua) September 5, 2008 – In an effort to continuously provide excellent health care for Maui's community, Hale Makua has taken another step forward with the opening of the only PACE, or Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly, in the State of Hawaii. Maui PACE is one of 14 national rural Programs for All-inclusive Care for the Elderly. This Program offers seniors a variety of services to address medical, rehabilitative, and social needs. Maui PACE is made possible by a three-way partnership between the State Department of Human Services, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and Hale Makua.

Maui PACE offers flexibility in providing medical and support services necessary to maintain the independence of Maui's senior citizens in their homes for as long as possible. Maui PACE seamlessly provides needed preventative, primary, acute, and long-term care services so that elderly, frail individuals can continue to live in their community. The Maui PACE team has frequent contact with Maui PACE participants, which helps them to detect subtle changes in their condition, allowing them to react quickly to changing medical, functional, and psycho-social problems.

Most of the services are delivered at the PACE Center located in Kahului, which also offers a day health program for participants to attend and receive medical care, occupational and recreational therapies, and socializing. Transportation is provided

for participants to and from the Maui PACE Center, which is also staffed with a doctor and registered nurse. In-home care will be arranged if needed. Without these services, seniors may be less likely to receive attention for chronic conditions, which can result in deteriorating health and increased use of hospitals and emergency rooms. The Maui PACE Center is open from 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and operates out of Hale Makua's Kahului location at 472 Kaulana Street.

Maui PACE will open October 1, and is currently accepting referrals. Participants must be 55 years of age or older, live within the Maui PACE Service area, be in need nursing home level of care, and be living safely in the community at the time of enrollment. To make a referral or to obtain more information, please call 442-4551.

About Maui PACE:

Maui PACE is a program of Hale Makua, a leading provider of home and community based health care services. Maui PACE is one of over 50 Programs for All-inclusive Care for the Elderly in the United States, which are provider-based programs. PACE uses an interdisciplinary team approach to integrate, deliver, and coordinate all the care and service Maui PACE participants need. Because of the complex issues of caring for older individuals with multiple diagnoses in a community setting, the flexibility provided by the PACE model of care is key to successfully maintaining frail older adults in the community for as long as possible.

About Hale Makua:

Hale Makua is a private, non-profit corporation established in 1947 with a mission to provide excellence in healthcare in our home and yours. Hale Makua is widely known for its two long term care nursing locations: one in Wailuku caring for 124 residents, and the other in Kahului currently accommodating up to 238 residents. Hale Makua also has a Home Health Care Agency, which provides health care (including skilled nursing, physical therapy, and infusion services) and social work services to over 250 homebound clients of all ages. Other Hale Makua programs include out-patient rehabilitation, respite care, and adult foster family.