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## 2021 COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT

### QUICK FACTS

- The 2021 Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) was publicly released in March of 2022 and is the result of nearly a year of collaboration among Hawaii's private, nonprofit, acute-care hospitals and key stakeholders in the community.
- The goal of this report ([www.hah.org/chna](http://www.hah.org/chna)) is to offer a meaningful understanding of the upstream health needs and social determinants of health throughout the islands. It provides guidance for hospitals' community benefit planning efforts, as well as their strategies to address specific needs in their immediate communities. Special attention was given to identify health disparities, the needs of vulnerable populations, and unmet health needs or gaps in services, particularly as a result of the pandemic.
- The CHNA report is produced by all U.S. private nonprofit hospitals every three years, as required by the IRS under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (2010) IRS Code Section 501(r). Hawaii's participating hospitals (see listing below), with input from a diverse cross-section of community leaders, worked for nearly a year to collectively conduct and produce the core, statewide CHNA.
- Throughout the country, many hospitals conduct their own CHNAs in isolation. Hawaii is unique in that its hospital members work collaboratively to assess the statewide needs, before the hospitals individually work on their own priorities for their respective communities. The Healthcare Association of Hawaii leads this collaboration on behalf of its members. HAH is the nonprofit trade association for Hawaii's hospitals and other healthcare providers.

- Each hospital will now utilize the core report to develop its own hospital-specific CHNA. Each will include a description of its service area and demographics, a prioritization of health needs, a description of its process and criteria, and an evaluation of the previous (2018 CHNA) three-year implementation strategy. Hospitals must also demonstrate that their CHNA was adopted by an “authorized body” of the hospital. These plans will be posted on each hospital’s website for public inspection.
- The 2021 CHNA report identified 11 significant health needs. Five rose to the top as highest priorities:
  1. Financial Security
  2. Food Security
  3. Mental & Behavioral Health
  4. Housing
  5. Trust & Equitable Access

## WHAT’S NEXT

- Hospitals will be customizing their CHNAs over the next six to ten months, and will make them available to the public on their websites. The CHNA must be final, adopted and publicly posted on the hospital’s website by the hospital’s tax year end, as appropriate and unique to each hospital.

## PARTICIPATING HOSPITALS

1. Adventist Health Castle
2. Kahuku Medical Center
3. Kaiser Permanente Moanalua Medical Center
4. Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children
5. Kuakini Medical Center
6. Kula Hospital
7. Lanai Community Hospital
8. Maui Memorial Medical Center
9. Molokai General Hospital
10. North Hawaii Community Hospital
11. Pali Momi Medical Center
12. The Queen's Medical Center - Punchbowl
13. The Queen's Medical Center - West Oahu

14. Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific
15. Shriners Hospitals for Children
16. Straub Medical Center
17. Sutter Health Kahi Mohala
18. Wahiawa General Hospital
19. Wilcox Medical Center

### **About the Healthcare Association of Hawaii**

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii (HAH) is the nonprofit trade organization serving Hawaii's hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, Type II ARCHs, home care companies, and hospices. It is the state affiliate for national organizations that include the American Hospital Association (AHA), the American Health Care Association/National Center for Assisted Living, the National Association for Home Care and Hospice, and the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization. For more information, find us at [hah.org](http://hah.org), Facebook, Twitter (@HealthcareHAH), and Instagram.

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