

A Special Four-Part Seminar Series on Aging at UH Mānoa

This seminar is a partnership with the Hawaii State Department of Health, Executive Office on Aging and the Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work as part of our inaugural offering of the course PH660/SW680 Introduction to Medicare.

Friday January 24, 11:30am-12:30pm, Biomed Room C104

Title: Prevent, Detect, and Report Medicare Fraud -- The Senior Medicare Patrol

Speakers: Kaipo Cullen and Norma Kop, Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP)

Abstract: Fraud, errors, and abuse cost our Medicare billions of dollars each year. These costs are passed on as higher premiums for Medicare beneficiaries and lower payments to healthcare providers. The Senior Medicare Patrol fights against Medicare fraud and preserves Medicare for generations to come. Learn about how to prevent, detect, and report Medicare fraud. Visit <https://smphawaii.org> for more information.

Friday January 31, Biomed Room C104

Seminar A: 10:30am-11:30am

Title: Finding Assistance for Aging, Disability, and Caregiving -- the Elderly Affairs Division of the City and County of Honolulu

Speaker: Derrick Ariyoshi, Executive Director, City and County of Honolulu Elderly Affairs Division (EAD)

Abstract: The EAD helps people find assistance for aging, disability, and caregiving, such as with Nutrition, Housing, Transportation, and Financing. The EAD contracts with agencies to provide home and community based services to older adults and caregivers. EAD also provides outreach and education to the community, encourages, and supports the aging network in improving and expanding services, and operates a telephone Helpline for consultation, information, and referral to services. Visit <https://www.elderlyaffairs.com> or call the Helpline 808-768-7700 for more information.

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Seminar B: 11:30am-1:00pm

Title: What is Long-Term Care and Why Is it Important?

Speakers: Lynn Niitani and John McDermott, Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program (LTCOP)

Abstract: LTCOP identifies, investigates, and resolves complaints that are made by, or on behalf of residents, and related to action, inaction, or decisions that may adversely affect the health, safety, welfare, and rights of residents of long-term care facilities such as nursing homes, adult residential care homes, assisted living facilities, and other long-term care settings. Visit <https://health.hawaii.gov/ea/home/long-term-care-ombudsman-program/> to learn more.

Friday February 7, 11:30am-1:00pm, Biomed Room C104

Title: How is Hawaii Addressing the Challenges of Aging?

Speaker: Caroline Cadirao, Director, Hawaii State Department of Health, Executive Office of Aging (EOA)

Abstract: The EOA is the focal point for all matters relating to older adults' needs and the coordination and development of caregiver support services within the State of Hawaii. It administers several volunteer-based programs such as the Senior Medicare Patrol, Hawaii State Health Insurance Program, Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, Healthy Aging Partnership, and others. Visit <https://health.hawaii.gov/ea/> to learn more.

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