STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES MED-QUEST DIVISION

NOTICE FOR A PUBLIC FORUM

Under the provision of Title 42, Section 441.304(f)(1) of the Code of Federal Regulations, the State of Hawaii, Department of Human Services and Department of Health (the State), hereby notifies the public that it intends to request from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, a five (5) year renewal of the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver authorized in Section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act, which is set to expire on June 30, 2016. This renewal will be effective July 1, 2016.

The program under the 1915(c) HCBS Waiver permits the State to furnish an array of home and community based services that assist Medicaid beneficiaries to live in the community and avoid institutionalization. This program enables a person with developmental disabilities or intellectual disabilities who meets institutional level of care, the choice to live in their own home or in the community with appropriate and quality supports designed to promote health, safety and independence.

The State will hold a public forum to seek input on the renewal of the 1915(c) HCBS Waiver described in this notification.

For providers and stakeholders in the 1915(c) HCBS Waiver

Date: January 13, 2016

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Location: Queen's Conference Center Auditorium (formerly Mabel Smythe Building)

1301 Punchbowl Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

For individuals receiving services in the 1915(c) HCBS Waiver

Date: January 13, 2016

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Queen's Conference Room 200 (Mezzanine)

1301 Punchbowl Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

For individuals who wish to participate by video teleconference (VTC), sites are being finalized and will be posted online at www.med-quest.us under News and Events.

All interested parties are invited to join the public forum and to state their views regarding renewal of the 1915(c) HCBS Waiver. In lieu of joining the public forum in person or by VTC, written comments may be provided and emailed to the Department of Health Resource Branch at doh.hawaii.gov or mailed to:

Department of Human Services
Med-QUEST Division
Attention: Health Care Services Branch
P.O Box 700190
Kapolei, Hawaii 96709-0190

Comments will be accepted for consideration from the date when this notice is published through **February 15, 2016**.

The 1915(c) HCBS Waiver is available online at: www.med-quest.us under News and Events and http://health.hawaii.gov/ddd/. A copy of the 1915(c) HCBS Waiver will be available for public viewing at the offices listed below from the first working day that this notice appears in the Honolulu Star Advertiser, Hawaii Tribune Herald, West Hawaii Today, The Maui News, and The Garden Island for a period of at least thirty (30) calendar days after the publication of this notice, from Monday – Friday, exclusive of state holidays, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Department of Human Services Med-QUEST Division 601 Kamokila Boulevard, Room 506A Kapolei, Hawaii 96707

Department of Health Developmental Disabilities Division 1250 Punchbowl Street, Room 463 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 (586-5842)

Department of Human Services Eligibility Office – West Hawaii Section 75-5591 Palani Road, Suite 3004 Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96740 (327-4970)

Department of Human Services Eligibility Office – Lanai Unit 730 Lanai Avenue Lanai City, Hawaii 96763 (565-7102)

Department of Human Services Eligibility Office – Molokai Unit 65 Makaena Place, Room 110 Kaunakakai, Hawaii 96748 (553-1758) Department of Human Services Eligibility Office - Oahu Section 801 Dillingham Boulevard, 3rd Floor Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

Department of Human Services Eligibility Office – East Hawaii Section 1404 Kilauea Avenue Hilo, Hawaii 96720 (933-0339)

Department of Human Services Eligibility Office – Kauai Section 4473 Pahee Street, Suite A Lihue, Hawaii 96766 (241-3575)

Department of Human Services Eligibility Office – Maui Section 210 Imi Kala Street, Suite 101 Wailuku, Hawaii 96739 (243-5780)

Special accommodations (i.e., interpreter, sign language interpreter, large print, taped materials, or accessible parking) will be arranged if requested no later than seven (7) working days before the scheduled public forum on Oahu by calling 808-692-8094. Neighbor island residents requesting special accommodations should contact the appropriate Med-QUEST Division offices on the respective neighbor islands listed above.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, MED-QUEST DIVISION JUDY MOHR PETERSON, PhD MED-QUEST DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR