



KA MAKA O KOHALA HOSPITAL

Administrator's Corner

As of June 1, 2012, Pat Kalua has accepted a position at Kona Community Hospital (KCH) as Chief Nurse Executive. Pat had been Hospital Administrator for 4 years and was instrumental in setting up the recent repairs and renovations of Kohala Hospital, setting up processes and planning for Electronic Medical Records (EMR) installation, and founder of our newsletter. Pat spent 2 years as Chief Nurse Executive before coming to Kohala Hospital and has over 30 years of healthcare experience including as the Vice President of Nursing for St. Francis Medical Center located in Honolulu Hawaii. We would like to thank Pat and wish her continued success with KCH.

Gino Amar
Acting Administrator

KOHALA RENOVATIONS

Kohala Hospital renovations have continued this past quarter into summer. We would like to thank everyone again, especially our residents and their families, for graciously working with us to accommodate the renovations.

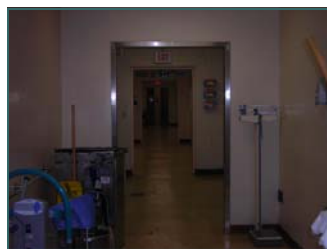
Our flooring project, new nurse's station, and dayroom have been completed and new emergency access ramp project begun. We have included before and after photos to help you visualize what is happening at Kohala Hospital. Surely, you will agree that we are looking better than we have in years.

And we're not done! We still have hospital-wide bathroom renovations, patient rooms wainscoting and closet installations, and west-wing hallway wainscoting projects to complete.

Thank you again to our building maintenance team, our staff, Foundation and Auxiliary.



Access Ramp Before & After construction



East wing and nursing station before & after renovations



DID YOU KNOW... Kohala Hospital residents have specific rights?

For example, residents have the right to participate in the development and implementation of their plan of care and to make informed decisions regarding their care. Information on these Rights and others were provided at admission. If you would like to review them again, copies are available at the nurses' station or you can ask our social worker designee, Diana Moriarty at 889-7913.

Nurses Notes

By Janet Schmidt

First, we would like to welcome our two new CNAs, Lorelyn Alaska and Edna Bumanglag. They are both very capable and caring and are a great fit for our facility.

Janet Schmidt, Chief Nurse Executive and Diana Moriarty, RN have moved into their new office location near the day room. This move was long awaited as their new office space was a critical area during renovations for storage and as a temporary Emergency Room. We want to thank the Kohala Hospital Auxiliary for helping make this happen. Please stop in and say hello to Janet and Diana in their new office space!

Lastly, our goal at Kohala Hospital is to make it as homelike as possible for our residents. We strive to give our residents as many choices as possible, including what to eat, when to get up and go to bed and when to bathe. If there is something special that we can do for your family member, please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate them.

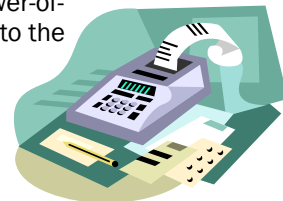
MONEY MATTERS

Common Long-Term Care Billing Questions

As mentioned in last quarter's newsletter, Medicaid is a low-income support program for those who qualify. Most of our ICF residents meet the requirements of the Medicaid program therefore it is important to be sure that they are not disqualified from the Medicaid assistance program otherwise the resident will be responsible for paying for his/her stay. Two common ways residents can be disqualified from the Medicaid program are:

- (1) **Monthly cost shares are not paid to the facility.** Monthly cost shares can be looked at as monthly "spend downs" for the resident for them to remain at an asset level of below \$2,000. Monthly cost shares that are not paid to the facility will raise the asset level of the resident which will disqualify the resident from the Medicaid program very quickly; and
- (2) **No response to the yearly Med-Quest review meeting.** Every year, there is a review of each Medicaid participant to check for changes or updates on file. Usually, this comes in the form of a letter from Med-Quest to the resident (or to the power-of-attorney/representative of the resident). If there is no response to the annual Med-Quest review request, the Medicaid participant is automatically disqualified from the Medicaid program.

If you have any questions pertaining to long-term care billing, please call Gino Amar at 808-889-7905.



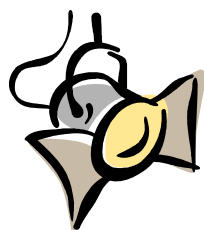
WELCOMING NEW EMPLOYEES



Lorelyn Alaska, CNA



Edna Bumanglag, CNA



AUXILIARY SPOTLIGHT

The Kohala Hospital Auxiliary continues to support Kohala Hospital with financial assistance and volunteerism that impact direct resident care. The Auxiliary has helped Kohala Hospital with the enclosing of the lanai that provided much needed office and meeting space, helped pay for Kahilu Theatre outings, and provided personal assistance with hospital activities including helping with resident beach outings and monthly outdoor barbeques.

For more information or to donate, please call the Kohala Hospital Auxiliary President Ida Otake at 808-896-5257.