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Dear Kevin,

The Waimanalo Health Center (WHC) is a federally qualified health center committed to providing the highest level of primary and preventive health services, with special attention to the needs of Native Hawaiians and the medically underserved, and improving the health and wellness of individuals and their `ohana regardless of their ability to pay. After 25 years of serving the Waimānalo community, the WHC served 4,565 patients through 26,481 visits in 2016, 52% were Native Hawaiian, 13.5% were uninsured, and 45% were at 100% and below the federal poverty level. Services include primary medical care, behavioral health, optometry, dental, nutrition, outreach and eligibility, youth mentoring services, WIC, and Native Hawaiian cultural healing.

WHC is committed to supporting and creating environments for healthy eating. Aligned with the purpose of "Healthies," WHC looks forward to continuing to support an increase in the purchase of fruits and vegetables through efficient benefit redemption technology. WHC strongly supports Sustain Hawai'i's application for their "healthies" initiative

Sincerely,

Mary Frances Oneha, APRN, PhD
Chief Executive Officer