

# Hawaii embarking on several health-related initiatives

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Deltek recently concluded its in-depth FY 2013 budget analysis, and found that much money is being devoted to health agencies across the nation. For example, Hawaii is looking to transform health care and the future of its citizens with the New Day Plan, which contains the following areas of focus:

1. **Immediate job growth to a sustainable foundation** – Creating jobs for people so that they are able to do more than just make ends meet. This is also expected to improve the business climate for entrepreneurs and small businesses.
2. **Invest in education, skills, and well-being of Hawaii's people** – Building private-public partnerships in early childhood, health care technology, housing, preventative social sciences, and other previously identified long-term priorities.
3. **Transform state government into efficient and effective enterprise** – Rehabilitating the state's fiscal health, carefully managing cash flow, and professionalizing human resources management to bring out the best of Hawaii's outstanding public workforce.

Hawaii has been embarking on several health-related projects across the state, including a significantly large one for its Med-Quest Division (MQD). MQD is responsible for all medical assistance programs, including Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). More than 95 percent of Medicaid recipients in Hawaii are enrolled in managed care plans. The Hawaii Department of Human Services (DHS), which is comprised of two organizations that provide public assistance programs to Hawaiians, is currently procuring for consulting services relating to its MQD project. The main objective of the project is to replace the state's Medicaid eligibility information system. The new system is expected to support required provisions (e.g. health insurance exchange systems) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) and is required to be in place by January 2014.

To learn more about health information technology initiatives and Hawaii's New Day Plan go [here](#). As always, be sure to follow Deltek's Health Care and Social Services Team on Twitter [@GovWin\\_HHS](#) and [LinkedIn](#)!