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Kaua'i Veterans Memorial Hospital and Samuel Mahelona Memorial Hospital Form Partnership
with Diagnostic Laboratory Services, Inc.

Waimea, Kaua'i, Hawai'i (Jan. 3, 2024) – Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) has announced a new partnership with Diagnostic Laboratory Services, Inc. (DLS) to operate hospital laboratory services onsite at Kaua'i Veterans Memorial Hospital (KVMH) in Waimea and Samuel Mahelona Memorial Hospital (SMMH) in Kapa'a to enhance patient services. "We are proud to bring Kaua'i high quality lab services islandwide," said Lance Segawa, HHSC Kaua'i Region Chief Executive Officer.

On January 2, DLS opened its outpatient Patient Service Center (PSC) in the Kawaiola Medical Building at KVMH. The PSC lab at SMMH will open in early 2024. Both labs will provide comprehensive testing for infectious diseases, drugs, pathogens, genetic disorders, women's wellness, and more.

"One of the benefits of this partnership is that individuals living from Kapa'a to the North Shore, who previously had to travel to Lihu'e for lab services, will be able to utilize the lab at Samuel Mahelona," noted Segawa. "This convenience will save families precious time and resources."

Previous to this partnership, SMMH did not provide in-house laboratory services, and KVMH operated an onsite laboratory with two employees, who were offered employment by DLS.

"KVMH and SMMH have a great and long history of providing vital services to their patients and we are excited to become an integral part of that," stated Mark Wasielewski, DLS President. "We look forward to expanding our services to the people of Kaua'i and improving their access to top quality healthcare."

DLS is the largest locally-owned medical lab in Hawai'i and has served Kaua'i since 1994. The KVMH and SMMH DLS labs add to their current locations in Kalaheo and Lihu'e.

Career opportunities are available at the KVMH and SMMH labs. Visit GreatCareersDLS.com for more information.

About Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation

HHSC is a public entity established in 1996 by the State of Hawai'i to provide quality, hometown healthcare to the islands. HHSC-Kaua'i Region operates Kaua'i Veterans Memorial Hospital, Samuel Mahelona Memorial Hospital, and Kaua'i Region Clinics. KVMH is a critical access hospital that has been serving the community of Waimea since 1957. It offers a full-service

emergency department, general surgery, ophthalmologic surgery, intensive care, family and internal medicine, and OB/GYN and pediatric services. SMMH, the longest operating hospital on the island, is also a designated critical access hospital and provides acute care, behavioral health services, skilled nursing care, and ancillary inpatient and outpatient services. The Kaua'i Region manages 125 licensed healthcare beds and employs more than 500 employees. For more information, visit <https://kauai.hhsc.org/>.

About Diagnostic Laboratory Services, Inc.

As the largest locally owned medical lab in Hawai'i, Diagnostic Laboratory Services, Inc. provides state-of-the-art microbiology, toxicology and molecular testing. There are more than 50 DLS patient service centers across Hawai'i, Guam and Saipan. With over 800 employees, DLS is proud to have been selected by *Hawai'i Business Magazine* as one of the Best Places to Work in the state in 2021, 2022 and 2023. DLS employees reflect the company's values of innovation, compassion, aloha, respect, and excellence, ensuring that company remains a place of great science and great people. For more information, visit <https://dlslab.com/>.

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PHOTO CAPTION: Kaua'i Veterans Memorial Hospital's new onsite laboratory operated by Diagnostic Laboratory Services opened on Jan. 2 and will provide comprehensive lab services to the community.

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