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EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING WILL HOLD COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS ON MEDICARE PART D PROGRAM

HONOLULU — The Executive Office on Aging's Sage PLUS Program will be holding community presentations on Oahu explaining the Medicare Part-D Program, which provides choices for prescription drug coverage plans.

The meetings will outline program implementation and benefits and offer assistance to participants. Representatives from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, the Executive Office on Aging and the Social Security Administration will be available for a question and answer session.

All community presentation sites are on the CityBus line and those interested in attending should call Sage PLUS at 586-7299. The dates and locations are as follows:

August 22, 2005	9:00 a.m. Hawaii Kai Retirement Center, Phase I 428 Kawaihae Street Honolulu, HI 96813
August 23, 2005	9:30 a.m. Windward United Church of Christ (Kailua-Aikahi Park) 38 Kaneohe Bay Drive Kailua, HI 96734
August 24, 2005	9:00 a.m. Waipahu District Park 94-230 Paiwa Street Waipahu, HI 96797

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Important Dates to Remember

June-December 2005	Complete applications to determine if you qualify for additional help in paying for premiums and co-payments.
October 1, 2005	Prescription Drug Plans begin marketing
October 17-May 15, 2006	Call Sage PLUS to assist in comparing the plans available in Hawaii
November 15-May 16, 2006	Initial Enrollment Period for Medicare Part D

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