



## **KAISER PERMANENTE UNVEILS THE NATION'S MOST WIRED MOBILE HEALTH VEHICLE**

### **Electronic Health Records, Telemedicine, Mammography and Health Screenings on Wheels Expand Access and Encourage Healthier Communities**

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Kaiser Permanente Hawaii today officially celebrates the arrival of its Mobile Health Vehicle (MHV), the nation's most technologically advanced medical vehicle on wheels. Complete with real-time access to patients' electronic health records, telemedicine capabilities, and state-of-the-art digital mammography, the mobile clinic advances Kaiser Permanente's commitment to make health care more accessible and convenient for its members. The 45-foot long, 10-wheel Mobile Health Vehicle will begin providing service to Kaiser Permanente's Big Island members the third week of July.

"We're very pleased today to announce the expansion of health care service options and access to comprehensive care for our members who live on the geographically diverse island of Hawaii," said Kaiser Permanente President Janet Liang. "Additionally, this continues our partnership with employers to keep their workforce in good health and on the job. We are also managing health care costs by investing in a single new clinic that can be situated at numerous locations for the convenience of our members and employers."

Ramsay chat with Kaiser Permanente Hawaii President, Janet Liang, and New Mobile Health Vehicle creators and designers Susan Ganz, Chandler Ford, & Simon Lee.

Kaiser Permanente's Daryl Kurozawa, MD and Physician in Charge, Big Island, said, "The island of Hawaii's mammography screening rates are well below the state and national average. Kaiser Permanente is acting aggressively to improve these rates by taking this service to our members at employer sites and other locations."

He added, "We anticipate providing an average of 28 mammography screenings per day or 5,200 visits per year. This is in addition to other screenings and comprehensive health services available on our medical vehicle."

The MHV will be staffed by a Kaiser Permanente nurse practitioner, medical assistant and mammography technologist, with physician services available as well. The team will have access to specialist consultations via video (telemedicine), Kaiser Permanente's electronic medical record system, HealthConnect, and state-of-the-art digital mammography. While more services will be added in the future, initially, the team can provide basic exams and screenings, including cholesterol, colorectal, glucose, waive testing, urinalysis, and gonorrhea and chlamydia testing. Specific women's services include mammography, breast and pelvic exams, and Pap smears. Flu shots and pneumovax vaccines will be available.

During the first phase of service beginning the week of July 20, the Mobile Health Vehicle will serve members near its Hilo, Waimea and Kona clinics. In Kona, the mobile unit will be located at the Walmart parking lot. Members may make appointments for any location by calling their clinic.

Employers that offer Kaiser Permanente and choose to have a Kaiser Permanente onsite clinic day can begin enjoying this added service slated for Phase II of the MHV rollout. Logistics such as maneuverability and a parking location for the 45-foot mobile vehicle at remote locations will be explored throughout Phase I. Interested businesses may call (808) 432-4833.

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