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MEDICAL TEAM DEPLOYS TO HAWAII TO SUPPORT FRONTLINE CAREGIVERS AT THE QUEEN'S HEALTH SYSTEMS

HONOLULU – More than 80 medical workers funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) have arrived in Hawaii to provide assistance to frontline caregivers at The Queen's Health Systems during this current COVID-19 surge.

This first wave of nurses and respiratory therapists arrived over the weekend and will be assigned to units such as the Emergency Department, Intensive Care Unit, and medical-surgical units caring for COVID patients. They will work for approximately 8 weeks.

The breakdown of staffing is as follows:

The Queen's Medical Center – Punchbowl	63
The Queen's Medical Center – West O'ahu	15
Queen's North Hawaii Community Hospital	2
Molokai General Hospital	1
TOTAL	81

“We are once again very appreciative of the federal government's support in providing aid to help us through this surge,” said Jill Hoggard Green, PhD, RN President and Chief Executive Officer of The Queen's Health Systems. “This team of nurses and respiratory therapists will provide much needed help to our caregivers who have been working tirelessly for the last 18 months. They have sacrificed so much of themselves and we are so appreciative of their efforts. We would also like to thank our State partners and the Healthcare Association of Hawaii for their work in making this happen.”

Hawaii will receive \$46 million in federal funding to bring in the more than 500 traveling healthcare workers for hospitals statewide through staffing services from ProLink Healthcare.

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The Queen's Health Systems (QHS) is a nonprofit corporation established in 1985 to provide expanded health care capabilities to the people of Hawaii and the Pacific Basin. It is Hawaii's preeminent family of health care-related companies, and has more than 8,000 employees and more than 1,500 affiliated physicians and providers in its statewide network. QHS consists of The Queen's Medical Center (Hawaii's oldest hospital founded in 1859), The Queen's Medical Center – West O'ahu, Molokai General Hospital, Queen's North Hawaii Community Hospital, The Queen's Health Care Centers, Queen's Island Urgent Care, Queen Emma Land Company, Queen's Development Corporation, Queen's Insurance Exchange, Queen's Clinically Integrated Physician Network, and Queen's 'Akoakoa, and has ownership interests in CareResource Hawaii, Hamamatsu/Queen's PET Imaging Center, Diagnostic Laboratory Services, and EmPower Health.