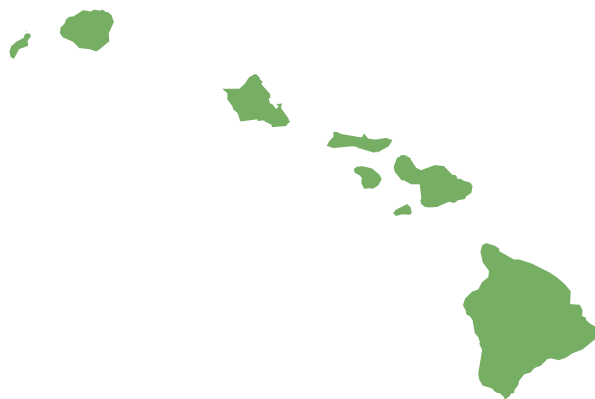


Hawaii



National CLAS Standards Planning, Policies, and Collaboration

The Hawaii Department of Health incorporated the National CLAS Standards in its [2012 Work Plan](#),¹ which is a companion to the department's [Strategic Plan, FY 2011–2014](#).² It lays out goals and objectives the department will implement to achieve sustainable improvement in health status to improve outcomes and reduce long-term costs. As part of its goal to eliminate disparities and improve the health of all groups throughout Hawaii, the Department of Health will increase cultural- and community-oriented interventions by establishing the state Office of Health Equity and implementing a surveillance system on adoption of the National CLAS Standards.

National CLAS Standards Training and Technical Assistance

The Hawaii Office of Health Equity provides a free [online training](#)³ that focuses on cultural competency, diversity, and health equity, and provides an overview of the National CLAS Standards. Interested parties must obtain a password to review the online presentation, which is free to the public. Participants who pass a ten-question exam can obtain certification that can be used for accreditation entities that require annual training.

Endnotes

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