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### Hawaii Dental Service Names Patti Garrett General Counsel

Hawaii Dental Service (HDS) recently named Patti Garrett general counsel. She is responsible for directing the legal affairs of HDS, managing outside counsel engagements, providing legal guidance on various organizational initiatives statewide, and overseeing the compliance and risk management functions. She reports to Mark Yamakawa, HDS president and chief executive officer.

Garrett has more than 15 years of experience serving as an attorney in healthcare. Before joining HDS, she had been corporate counsel with The Queen’s Health Systems since 2009, providing legal representation and counsel to executives, senior leaders, physician department chiefs and staff of The Queen’s Medical Center at Punchbowl and West, Molokai General Hospital and North Hawaii Community Hospital.

She also served at Kaiser Permanente Hawaii, serving as counsel/acting regional counsel from 1993 to 2001 and as privacy and security officer from 2003 to 2009.

Garrett earned a bachelor of arts degree in political science from the University of Washington, in Seattle, and a law degree from the University of Hawaii William S. Richardson School of Law. She is a member of the Hawaii State Bar Association.

The lower Manoa/Moiliili resident has volunteered for the Hawaii Multiple Sclerosis Society, Manoa Japanese Language School, Ronald McDonald Family Room, Special Olympics Hawaii, and Susannah Wesley Community Center.

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### About Hawaii Dental Service

Hawaii Dental Service (HDS) is the leading dental benefits provider in the state, serving nearly one million residents throughout Hawaii, Guam, and Saipan. It has the largest network of dentists, with more than 95 percent of Hawaii’s licensed, practicing dentists participating with HDS.

The logo for Delta Dental, featuring a white triangle icon to the left of the text "DELTA DENTAL" in white, all contained within a green rectangular background.The logo for Hawaii Dental Service (HDS), consisting of the letters "HDS" in a large, bold, black sans-serif font, with the text "Hawaii Dental Service" in a smaller, black sans-serif font directly below it.

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As a nonprofit founded in Hawaii in 1962, HDS is committed to making quality oral health care affordable and accessible. Employers who offer HDS dental plans to their employees represent Hawaii's diverse industries, companies, unions, associations, and nonprofit organizations. HDS also offers dental plans for individuals and families.

HDS has been a part of Delta Dental, the nation's largest and most experienced dental insurance benefits provider, since 1966. This affiliation gives members access to a nationwide network of participating dentists.

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