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TO THE EDITOR,

The elderly population continues to soar in the United States, with those older than 65 expected to double from 2010 to 2050.¹ Many are predicting an imminent mental health crisis for our seniors, as available resources lag further behind the demand.² One contributing factor is the ever-growing number of individuals with dementia-related behavioral symptoms. In Hawaii, a top retirement destination known for longevity of life,³ we have experienced greater use by elderly patients of the psychiatric emergency department (ED) at the largest general hospital in the state. As evidence of this trend, we present age-

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