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2011 (FIRST) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO *I MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN*

This is to certify that **Bill No. 83-31 (LS), "AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW § 80116(f) TO CHAPTER 80 OF TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, TO PROVIDE EXPANDED TRANSPARENCY AND PUBLIC ACCESS RELATIVE TO THE FINANCES OF THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY",** was on the 4th day of April, 2011, duly and regularly passed.

Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
Speaker

Attested:

Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'lahen Guåhan* this 7th day of April, 2011, at 09:50 o'clock A.M.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the ongoing financial difficulties of the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA) is a matter of serious public concern, inasmuch as GMHA is the island's only civilian hospital, upon which every family depends for health care services.

It is, therefore, important that the salient facts regarding GMHA's current finances are disseminated to the public in an accessible and understandable format in order to create transparency, facilitate accountability and lead to a productive public discourse on the Hospital's future.

Because insufficient revenues seem to be at the core of GMHA's financial woes, it is the intent of *I Liheslatura* that the status of GMHA's receivables and its collection efforts should be posted online for public scrutiny.

Section 2. A new §80116(f) is *added* to Chapter 80 of Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, to read:

"(f) Bi-weekly Receivables Updates. The Hospital *shall* post on its official website, and *shall* update such postings on a bi-weekly basis, a complete listing of each of its accounts receivable, aged according to established accounting practices, and further defined as follows:

(1) Government receivables, billings and payments, which include amounts due and paid from the U.S. Government (Medicare), from the Government of Guam (Medicaid, Medically Indigent Program, Worker's Compensation), and from other governments, including the various Freely Associated States. Receivables from each entity *shall* be individually labeled and entered;

(2) Health insurance receivables, billings and payments, which include all amounts due and paid from individual private sector health insurance providers. Receivables from each entity *shall* be individually labeled and entered when the total amount due from each entity amounts to Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000) or more. Receivables from entities in this category amounting to less than Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000) *shall* be entered as a lump sum.

(3) Self-payer receivables, billings and payments, which include amounts due and paid from entities, including individuals, corporations, organizations, or other business entities without any reference to specific names of such entities. Receivables from entities in this category *shall* be labeled as "Self-payer Receivables", "Self-payer Billings", and "Self-payer Payments", each of which *shall* be entered as a lump sum.

(4) All discounts granted to all payers in the reports under this Subsection (f) *shall* be made a part of the report.

(5) Nothing in this reporting mandate *shall* authorize the Hospital to violate the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Law."