

I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2021 (FIRST) Regular Session
VOTING RECORD

Resolution No. 130-36 (COR)	Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco Legislative Session Hall Guam Congress Building August 31, 2021					
NAME	Aye	Nay	Not Voting/ Abstained	Out During Roll Call	Absent	Excused
Senator V. Anthony Ada	✓					
Senator Frank Blas Jr.	✓					
Senator Joanne Brown	✓					
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas	✓					
Senator James C. Moylan	✓					
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes					✓	✓
Senator Telen Cruz Nelson	✓					
Senator Sabina Flores Perez	✓					
Senator Clynton E. Ridgell	✓					
Senator Joe S. San Agustin	✓					
Senator Amanda L. Shelton	✓					
Senator Telo T. Taitague	✓					
Senator Jose "Pedo" Terlaje	✓					
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje	✓					
Senator Mary Camacho Torres	✓					

TOTAL

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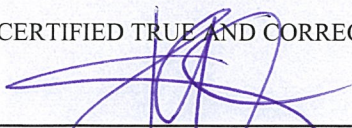
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Aye

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
 RENNAE V. C. MENO
 Clerk of the Legislature

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Introduced by:

Telena Cruz Nelson 
 Clynt E. Ridgell 
 Therese M. Terlaje  Tmt
 Mary Camacho Torres  Mary C. Torres
 Jose "Pedro" Terlaje 
 Sabina Flores Perez  SFP
 Amanda L. Shelton  Amel
 Tina Muña Barnes 
Joe S. San Agustin 

Relative to expressing the support of *I Mina'trentai Sais na Liheslaturan Guahan* for the passage of H.R. 4406, the "Supporting Medicaid in the U.S. Territories Act of 2021" introduced by the Honorable Representative Darren Soto Sablan and the Honorable Representative Gus Bilirakis, which seeks to amend titles XI and XIX of the Social Security Act to provide increased financial support to the territories under the Medicaid program, provide five years of Medicaid funding for Puerto Rico and eight years of funding for other U.S. territories; and for other purposes;

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I***
2 ***MINA'TRENTAIS AIS NA LEHISLATURA GUĀHAN:***

3 **WHEREAS, the Medicaid program was established in 1965 pursuant to U.S.**
4 **Public Law 89-97 and is authorized under Title XIX of the Social Security Act**
5 **(SSA). The program serves as the largest source of public health insurance in the**
6 **nation. Mandatory benefits include but are not limited to lab and X-ray services,**

1 inpatient hospital services, home health services, and freestanding birth centers,
2 along with other optional benefits for states and certain territories; and

3 **WHEREAS**, from its establishment, Medicaid worked in service of the
4 elderly and disabled individuals. Since then, it has welcomed steady population
5 growth and now covers a wider demographic. Under the Patient Protection and
6 Affordable Care Act (ACA, P.L. 111-148, as amended), Medicaid expanded its
7 reach to include a new adult group consisting of low-income adults 65 years and
8 younger, including parents and adults without dependent children; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Medicaid expansion programs, such as the Children’s Health
10 Insurance Program (CHIP), provide health coverage for enrolled children through
11 both Medicaid and separate CHIP programs; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Medicaid is offered in all U.S. territories, including Guam,
13 American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), the
14 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the United States Virgin Islands (USVI).
15 Medicaid was established on Guam in 1975 and is overseen by the Department of
16 Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS). The program operates on a fee-for-
17 service (FFS) basis.

18 **WHEREAS**, nearly 21 percent of Guam residents are enrolled in Medicaid,
19 allowing one-fifth of the island’s population to stay afloat during the unprecedented
20 effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. While Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin
21 Islands are required to provide mandatory Medicaid benefits, Guam is the only
22 territory to do so. The optional Medicaid benefits provided by Guam include dental
23 and prescription services; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Guam’s primary public hospital, Guam Memorial Hospital
25 (GMH), reported that its Medicaid collections for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 increased
26 to 26,999,457, which is 9.4 million more than the FY 2019 collections set at
27 17,579,613. The recent FY 2020 appropriations package (P.L. 116-94) and the
28 Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA, P.L. 116-127) increased Guam’s
29 federal Medicaid allotment from \$18.4 million to \$130.9 million. The FY 2021
30 allotment raised from approximately \$18.8 million to \$129.7 million; and

31 **WHEREAS**, an omnibus COVID relief bill signed into law on December, 28,
32 2020 extended Medicaid services to Compact of Free Association (COFA) citizens.
33 The law serves an estimated 100,000 COFA migrants who live in the 50 U.S. states
34 and District of Columbia, and who meet all Medicaid eligibility rules; and

35 **WHEREAS**, the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) for Guam
36 and the territories is statutorily set at 55 percent (§ 1905(b) of the Act), unlike that
37 of the states, where the FMAP is set using a formula based on state per capita
38 income. After the passage of P.L. 116-94, the Further Consolidated Appropriations
39 Act 2020, Guam had a temporary FMAP increase to 83 percent that was available
40 from December 21, 2019 and is set to expire on September 30, 2021. In the fiscal

1 years succeeding FY 2021, the FMAP will revert back to the federal matching rate
2 of 55 percent and this will impact the people of Guam negatively due to the reduction
3 of federal monies; and

4 **WHEREAS**, despite the persisting challenges to our island’s medical
5 community, the joint efforts of local and federal entities have done much service to
6 the people of Guam. The continued efforts and support of local and state
7 representatives is crucial to protecting the public’s access to Medicaid and
8 healthcare; now therefore be it

9 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Sais Na*
10 *Lihe slaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, stand in support
11 of H.R. Bill 4406, cited as the “Supporting Medicaid in the U.S. Territories Act of
12 2021,” and protecting access to healthcare and federal assistance that ensures the
13 necessary resources for Medicaid programs benefiting the People of Guam and all
14 U.S. Territories for an additional eight years; and be it further

15 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
16 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that
17 copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the U.S. Senate Majority Leader
18 Senator Chuck Schumer, U.S. Senate Minority Leader Senator Mitch McConnell,
19 Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, Committee on Energy and Commerce Chairman
20 Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. Health Subcommittee Chairwoman
21 Congresswoman Anna G. Eshoo, the Honorable Representative Darren Soto Sablan,
22 the Honorable Representative Gus Bilirakis, the Honorable Delegate from Guam
23 Michael F.Q. San Nicolas, the Honorable Delegate from the Commonwealth of the
24 Northern Mariana Islands Gregorio Kili Camacho Sablan; and to the Honorable
25 Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

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28 **DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES**
29 **OF *I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LEHISLATURA GUÅHAN* ON**
30 **THE DAY OF MONTH**
31 **YYYY.**

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THERESE M. TERLAJE
35 **Speaker**

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TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
35 **Chairperson, Committee on Rules**

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AMANDA L. SHELTON
40 **Legislative Secretary**