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Bill No. 116 -33 (COR)

Introduced by:

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AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GUAM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER TO FULLY IMPLEMENT ITS FEE SCHEDULE AND THE PROVISIONS OF §8611(f)-(h) OF CHAPTER 86, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES FUND, BY AMENDING SECTION 6 OF PUBLIC LAW 31-239.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*

finds that on December 6, 2012 Public Law 31-239 was signed into law adopting the proposed fee schedule for the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center (GBHWC). This was considered a milestone for the GBHWC and the people of Guam, as this was the first time a fee schedule would be in place. It was an opportunity to get the GBHWC, to the extent practicable, financially self-sustaining. The purpose of the adoption of the fee schedule was to ensure that all revenue realized be expended by the GBHWC for its costs of operation, personnel, contractual services, the development of programs and services, the timely payment of debt obligations, and capital improvements—among others. The law also

1 established the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Fund for the purpose
2 of accepting the deposit of funds from services rendered by the department.

3 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that Section 6 of Public Law 31-239
4 prohibited the fees from being fully implemented until such time the GBHWC
5 received a certified status from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services. This
6 has adversely impacted the GBHWC by missing opportunities to bill and collect
7 payments for services from third party payers such as MIP, private insurance
8 companies, and self-pay consumers.

9 It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to authorize the full implementation
10 of the GBHWC's fee schedule as adopted on December 2012 to ensure the intent of
11 Public Law 31-239 is fulfilled.

12 **Section 2. Implementation of Fee Schedule at Guam Behavioral Health**
13 **and Wellness Center.** Section 6 of Public Law 31-239 is hereby *amended* to read
14 as follows:

15 "Section 6. Effective Date. This Act *shall* become effective July 1,
16 2015 ~~upon DMHSA receiving certified status from the Centers for Medicare~~
17 ~~and Medicaid Services."~~

18 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Act *shall* be effective upon enactment.