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AN ACT TO PROVIDE EXPANDED TRANSPARENCY AND PUBLIC ACCESS RELATIVE TO THE FINANCES OF THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY BY *ADDING* A NEW § 80116 (f) TO CHAPTER 80 OF TITLE 10 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.

## 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 Title 10 Guam Code Annotated Chapter 80 to read:

"§ 80116 (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-payor 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-payor Receivables", "Self-payor Billings", and "Self-payor Payments", each of which *shall* be entered as a lump sum.