

30-10-0224

The Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Speaker *Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* 155 Hessler Street Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear Speaker Won Pat:

Transmitted herewith is Substitute Bill No. 280-30 (LS) "AN ACT TO AMEND SUBSECTIONS (c), (d), AND (e), AND ADD NEW SUBSECTIONS (f) AND (g) TO \$3811 OF CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 8, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; AND TO ADD NEW SUBSECTIONS (6) AND (7) TO \$3814 OF CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 8, TITLE 10 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND USE OF THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER REVOLVING FUND" which I signed into law on March 12, 2010 as **Public Law 30-108**.

Sinseru yan Magåhet,

MICHAEL W. CRUZ, M.D.

I Maga'låhen Guåhan para pa'go Acting Governor of Guahan

Attachment: copy of Bill

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2010 (SECOND) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that Substitute Bill No. 280-30 (LS), "AN ACT TO AMEND SUBSECTIONS (c), (d) AND (e), AND ADD NEW SUBSECTIONS (f) AND (g) TO, §3811 OF CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 8, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; AND TO ADD NEW SUBSECTIONS (6) AND (7) TO §3814 OF CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 8, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND USE OF THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER REVOLVING FUND," was on the 26th day of February, 2010, 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 this5:40 o'clockPM	day of MMCL, 2010, at Assistant Staff Officer Maga'lahi's Office
APPROVED:	
MIKE W. CRUZ, MD Governor of Guam Acting	
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Public Law No. **P.L. 30–108**

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN 2009 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 280-30 (LS)

As substituted by the Committee on Economic Development, Health & Human Services, and Judiciary, and amended.

Introduced by:

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

- 2 Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guahan finds
- 3 that our Community Health Centers have matured into full-service community
- 4 health centers which provide primary healthcare, acute outpatient healthcare, and

preventive health services to the community. Its health professionals provide a full range of essential primary care services. Its target population consists of the low income, uninsured, and medically underserved families and individuals, and now

4 extends services to individuals with insurance. A fee schedule has been approved

5 and adopted. This fee schedule gives discounts based on a formula using the

6 Federal Income Poverty Guidelines. Families who fall below the Federal Income

Poverty Guidelines may apply for subsidized medical services through the

Medically Indigent Program or other medically subsidized program.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that the fees implemented by the Department are collected and deposited into the General Fund, and not into a special bank account separately maintained and administered by the Department. The growth and complexity of the Regional Community Health Centers require that the bureaucracy for processing expenses should be done at the Regional Community Health Center level. The respective Community Health Center Council and the Administrator, Bureau of Primary Care Services, who is also the Executive Director for both the Northern Regional Community Health Center (NRCHC) and the Southern Regional Community Health Center (SRCHC) should be authorized to open a checking account for the exclusive use by Community Health Centers, and are to be responsible for approving the expenses charged against the account.

It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* to authorize the Community Health Centers Administrator of the Department of Public Health and Human Services and the respective Community Health Center Council to establish a checking account for the purpose of complying with the enabling legislation.

Section 2. Subsections (c), (d) and (e) of §3811 of Chapter 3, Article 8, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, are *amended* to read:

- "(c) Deposits. All monies collected for products and services rendered at the community health centers *shall be* accounted for and deposited into the Fund and available to pay for the expenses of the community centers.
- (d) Application. All monies deposited in the Fund *shall be* available to be used to pay for the expenses of the community center allowable by Federal regulations and guidelines as the non-Federal share of project costs in accordance with the Department's grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The Fund may also be used for the following expenses:
 - (1) payment(s) for contractual services;
 - (2) payment(s) for supplies;

- (3) payment(s) for any other expenses, which if remains unpaid may result in an emergency situation as approved by the Board in a resolution;
- (4) the Fund *shall be* reimbursed from other appropriated fund sources for any expenditure made as a result of circumstances outlined in Subsection (3) if the expenditure was budgeted from said appropriated source; and
 - (5) board stipends, as provided by applicable law.
- (e) Accounts Receivables. The Community Health Centers Administrator, in consultation with the Council, is hereby authorized to pursue accounts receivables payment in whatever manner allowable by law, including contractual services for collection. The Community Health Centers Administrator *shall* promulgate rules and regulations through the

I	Administrative Adjudication Law governing collection and reduction of
2	uncollectible accounts receivables."
3	Section 3. New Subsections (f) and (g) are added to §3811 of Chapter 3,
4	Article 8, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, to read:
5	"(f) The Community Health Centers Administrator shall submit an
6	annual spending plan for the Fund in accordance with and at the same time
7	as the Bureau of Budget and Management Research budget call.
8	(g) No expenditures and encumbrances from the Fund shall be
9	made without appropriation by I Liheslaturan Guåhan."
10	Section 4. New Subsections (6) and (7) are added to §3814 of Chapter 3,
11	Article 8, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, to read:
12	"(6) Shall approve by resolution all expenditures allowed in §3811
13	of this Chapter greater than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000);
14	(7) may approve by resolution a Memorandum of Understanding
15	between the Community Health Centers and the Department of Revenue and
16	Taxation to garnish income tax refunds of recipients of products and services
17	rendered by the Community Health Centers who have not fulfilled their
18	payment obligation for said products and services. The Board shall adopt a
19	policy to govern the referral of such tax refund garnishment requests to the
20	Department of Revenue and Taxation."