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The Honorable Joanne M. S. Brown
Legislative Secretary
I Mina'Bente Sais na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Twenty-Sixth Guam Legislature
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Dear Legislative Secretary Brown:

Enclosed please find Substitute Bill No. 234 (COR) entitled: "AN ACT TO AMEND § 31 OF CHAPTER IV OF P.L. NO. 26-35; TO AMEND § 4 OF P.L. NO. 26-58 AND TO REPEAL AND REENACT § 15201.1 OF TITLE 22 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE MEDICAID AND MEDICALLY INDIGENT PROGRAM ASSISTANCE PAYMENT FUND AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES," which I have signed into law as **Public Law No. 26-60**.

Public Hearings on the ratable reduction for the public assistance program are ongoing and public participation at last week's hearing was vigorous and unanimously opposed to any reduction of public assistance.

The Department of Public Health and Social Services ("DPHSS") originally requested \$26,500,000 for FY2002 funding for the Public Assistance Program. At the legislative budget hearing conducted in May 2001, DPHSS was instructed to resubmit its request for Public Assistance funding with a reduced amount of \$21,000,000. DPHSS complied with the legislature's requirements and provided a graduated schedule of funding which showed that Public Assistance payments would have to be reduced by 25% if the legislature only appropriated \$21,000,000. However, when the budget for DPHSS was passed, the Legislature only appropriated \$16,103,077 for Public Assistance, (Public Law No. 26-35 Section 31).

I am sure Mr. Speaker, that you would agree that in our meeting, between members of the legislature, me and the recipients, held at the legislature after the first public hearing held by DPHSS last week, there was no support among those who are enrolled in the Public Assistance Program for any cuts as currently proposed. As a result of that meeting the legislature appropriated an additional \$1,300,000 which will ensure payments through the end of March 2002.

However, in order to continue the legislatively mandated reduction of 25% in public assistance payments after March 2002, an additional appropriation of \$7,800,000 will be required. Otherwise because of the mandate of Public Law No. 26-47, the reduction in public assistance payments will be from 57% to as high as 68% depending on the individual recipient's circumstance.

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In these hard economic times this is not the time to begin reducing payments to our most vulnerable and needy members of our island community. The Department of Public Health and Social Services has determined that it will require an additional \$11,800,000 in order to maintain current levels of payments without ratable reductions.

I am asking the legislature to reconsider its position in this matter. Since September 11, 2001 we have experienced a \$4,000,000 increase in need for public assistance, because of additional qualified individuals applying for assistance. We should be increasing rather than reducing public assistance because this program identifies the truly needy and is an established institution for helping those who need our help the most.

Very truly yours,

Carl T. C. Gutierrez I Maga'Lahen Guahan Governor of Guam

Attachment: copy attached for signed bill or overridden bill

original attached for vetoed bill

cc: The Honorable Antonio R. Unpingco

Speaker

# MINA'BENTE SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2001 (FIRST) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that Substitute Bill No. 234 (COR) "AN ACT TO AMEND § 31 OF CHAPTER IV OF P.L. NO. 26-35; TO AMEND § 4 OF P.L. NO. 26-58 AND TO REPEAL AND REENACT § 15201.1 OF TITLE 22 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE MEDICAID AND MEDICALLY INDIGENT PROGRAM ASSISTANCE PAYMENT FUND AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES," was on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2001, duly and regularly passed.

Attested:

JOANNE M.S. BROWN

Senator and Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by I Maga'lahen Guåhan this 7th day of December 2001 at 9:20 o'clock P. M.

Approved:

CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ

I Maga'lahen Guåhan

Date: /2-/3-0/

Public Law No. 26-60

# MINA'BENTE SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2001 (FIRST) Regular Session

**Bill No. 234 (COR)** 

As substituted by the Author and amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

E. B. Calvo

L. F. Kasperbauer

A. R. Unpingco

Mark Forbes

J. F. Ada

T. C. Ada

F. B. Aguon, Jr.

J. M.S. Brown

F. P. Camacho

M. C. Charfauros

L. A. Leon Guerrero

K. S. Moylan

V. C. Pangelinan

A. L.G. Santos

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AN ACT TO AMEND § 31 OF CHAPTER IV OF P.L. NO. 26-35; TO AMEND § 4 OF P.L. NO. 26-58 AND TO REPEAL AND REENACT § 15201.1 OF TITLE 22 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE MEDICAID AND MEDICALLY INDIGENT PROGRAM ASSISTANCE PAYMENT FUND AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

- 2 Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guåhan
- 3 finds that § 4 of Public Law Number 26-58 created a Medicaid and Medically

1 Indigent Program Assistance Payment Fund ("Fund"). The Public Law

2 identified the Fund as a special fund of the government of Guam for the sole

3 purpose of covering any program shortfall in the Medically Indigent Program

4 and the Public Assistance Program of the Department of Public Health and

5 Social Services ("DPH&SS").

Concurrently, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the Public Law specified an amount *not* to exceed Four Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,200,000) shall be deposited into the Fund at the time, or times, and *not* the extent that amounts constituting revenues derived by the government under 48 U.S.C § 1421h (§ 30 of the Organic Act of Guam) and previously deposited in a debt service fund with respect to prior bonds are made available by refunding of such prior bonds pursuant to said Chapter.

- Section 2. Appropriations from the Medicaid and Medically Indigent Program Assistance Payment Fund. Pursuant to Public Law Number 26-58 and notwithstanding any other provision of law:
  - (\$1,300,000) is hereby appropriated from the Medicaid and Medically Indigent Program Assistance Payment Fund to the Title IIIC2, Home-Delivered Meals Program of the Department of Public Health and Social Services.
  - (\$1,300,000) is hereby appropriated from the Medicaid and Medically Indigent Program Assistance Payment Fund to the Bureau of Economic Security under the Department of Public Health and Social Services for

1	January, February and March, 2002 general assistance welfare payments						
2	of the Public Assistance Program, including Temporary Assistance for						
3	Needy Families ("TANF"), Old Age Assistance ("OAA"), Aid to the						
4	Blind ("AB") and Aid to Permanently and Totally Disabled ("APTD").						
5	(c) The sum of One Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars						
6	(\$1,600,000) is hereby appropriated from the Medicaid and Medically						
7	Indigent Program Assistance Payment Fund to the Medically Indigent						
8	Program Payment Revolving Fund ("MIPPR") for the payments of the						
9	Medically Indigent Program and Medicaid Program.						
10	(1) Appropriations to the MIPPR Fund may be used to						
11	pay for current and prior years obligations.						
12	(2) Appropriations to the MIPPR Fund shall continue to						
13	be available until exhausted.						
14	Section 3. Amendment Appropriation for Ratable Reduction for						
15	Public Assistance Program. Section 31 of Chapter IV, Miscellaneous						
16	Provisions, of Public Law Number 26-35, as repealed and reenacted by § 4 of						
17	Public Law Number 26-47, is hereby amended to read as follows:						
18	"Section 31 of Chapter IV, Miscellaneous Provisions, of Public Law						
19	Number 26-35 is hereby repealed and reenacted to read as follows:						
20	Section 31. Appropriation for Ratable Reduction for						
21	Public Assistance Program.						
22	(a) The following is hereby appropriated to the						
23	Bureau of Economic Security under the Department of						
24	Public Health and Social Services ('DPH&SS') for welfare						

payments of Fiscal Year 2002 Public Assistance Program benefits, including Temporary Assistance for Needy Families ('TANF'), Old Age Assistance ('OAA'), Aid to the Blind ('AB') and Aid to Permanently and Totally Disabled ('APTD'). The sum is composed of Twelve Million Four Hundred Fifteen Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-three Dollars (\$12,415,323) from the General Fund and Three Million Six Hundred Eighty-seven Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-four Dollars (\$3,687,754) from Federal Grants-in-Aid to be allocated as follows:

- (1) for public assistance program benefits, One Million Six Hundred Eighteen Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-two Dollars (\$1,618,852) is hereby appropriated from October 1, 2001 to October 31, 2001;
- (2) for public assistance program benefits, One Million Five Hundred Thirty-three Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,533,650) is hereby appropriated from November 1, 2001 to November 30, 2001;
- (3) for public assistance program benefits, One Million Five Hundred Thirty-three Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,533,650) is hereby appropriated from December 1, 2001 to December 31, 2001;

- (4) for public assistance program benefits, the sum of One Million Three Hundred Ninety Thousand One Hundred Seventeen Dollars (\$1,390,117) is hereby appropriated from January 1, 2002 to January 31, 2002;
- (5) for public assistance program benefits, One Million Four Hundred Eighty-four Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-two Dollars (\$1,484,252) is hereby appropriated from February 1, 2002 to February 28, 2002;
- (6) for public assistance program benefits, One Million Five Hundred Eighty-three Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-nine Dollars (\$1,583,529) is hereby appropriated from March 1, 2002 to March 31, 2002; and
- (7) for public assistance program benefits, Six Million Nine Hundred Fifty-nine Thousand Twenty-seven Dollars (\$6,959,027) is hereby appropriated to be used from April 1, 2002 to September 30, 2002.
- (b) The Director of DPH&SS is hereby authorized, notwithstanding any other provisions of law or this Act, to transfer *up to* Four Hundred Sixty-one Thousand Dollars (\$461,000.00) from the appropriation made in § 31(7) of Chapter IV of Public Law Number 26-35 to cover for any shortfall in the appropriation made in § 31(1) of Chapter IV of Public Law

Number 26-35 for the Public Assistance Programs; provided, that notice of each transfer is delivered by the end of the month in which the transfer takes place to the Speaker of I Liheslaturan Guåhan.

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- (c) The Director of DPH&SS is hereby authorized, notwithstanding any other provisions of law or this Act, to transfer *up to* Five Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$520,000.00) from the appropriation made in § 31(7) of Chapter IV of Public Law Number 26-35 to cover for *any* shortfall in the appropriation made in § 31(2) of Chapter IV of Public Law Number 26-35 for the Public Assistance Programs; *provided*, that notice of each transfer is delivered by the end of the month in which the transfer takes place to the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*.
- (d) The Director of DPH&SS is hereby authorized, notwithstanding any other provisions of law or this Act, to transfer *up to* Five Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$520,000.00) from the appropriation made in § 31(7)\_of Chapter IV of Public Law Number 26-35 to cover for any shortfall in the appropriation made in § 31(3) of Chapter IV of Public Law Number 26-35 for the Public Assistance Programs; *provided*, that notice of each transfer is delivered by the end of the month in which the transfer takes place to the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

(e) The Director of DPH&SS shall submit to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* by January 31, 2002 an amended plan, in accordance with applicable conditions associated with Federal grants, to implement a ratable reduction formula for the expenditure of the balance of the appropriation for the period of April 1, 2002 to September 30, 2002."

**Section 4.** Section 4 of Public Law Number 26-58 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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"Section 4. Medicaid and Medically Indigent Program Assistance Payment Fund. There is hereby created a Medicaid and Medically Indigent Program Assistance Payment Fund ('Fund'). The Fund shall be a special fund of the government of Guam and shall be used for the sole purposes of covering any program shortfall in the Medically Indigent Program and Public assistance Program of the Department of Public Health and Social Services, and may be used to fund the Title III C2, Home-Delivered Meals Program of the Department of Public Health and Social Services upon appropriation by I Liheslaturan Guåhan. An amount not to exceed Four Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,200,000) shall be deposited into the Fund at the time or times and to the extent that amounts constituting revenues derived by the government under 48 U.S.C. § 1421h (§ 30 of the Organic Act of Guam) and previously deposited in a debt service fund with respect to prior bonds are made available by the refunding of

such prior bonds pursuant to this Chapter. Expenditures from the Fund 1 shall be by appropriation of I Liheslaturan Guåhan." 2 Section 5. Transfer Restriction. The MIPPR Fund shall not be subject 3 to any transfer authority by I Maga'lahen Guåhan, or any other transfer 4 authority of operational funds, and shall not be used for any other purpose. 5 The Department of Section 6. Reporting Requirement. 6 Health and Social Services shall submit a detailed report of the expenditures 7 of the funds appropriated by this Act to the Speaker of I Liheslaturan Guåhan 8 9 and to the Chairperson of the Committee on Public Works, Health and Human Services of I Liheslaturan Guåhan within sixty (60) days following the 10 11 close of Fiscal Year 2002. 12 Section 7. Prior Year Obligations Schedule. The Director of the Department of Public Health and Social Services shall provide, no later than 13 14 thirty (30) days from the enactment of this Act, to the Speaker of I Liheslaturan 15 Guåhan, to the Chairperson of the Committee on Ways and Means and to the 16 Chairperson of the Committee on Public Works, Health and Human Services 17 of I Liheslaturan Guåhan, a prior years accounts payable schedule of the Medicaid Program and MIP Program. A separate schedule for each program 18 19 shall be provided and shall include vendor/provider owed, amount owed, 20 date of service, date billed and date adjudicated. 21 Section 8. Flexibility for DOE to Use Funds for Accreditation 22 and Interscholastics. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Department of Education ("DOE") shall have the flexibility to transfer any 23

funds appropriated to DOE under Public Law Number 26-35 as amended, for

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- 1 accreditation of schools and stipends for interscholastic coaches and officials,
- 2 provided, that such transfers not exceed the sum of Five Hundred Thousand
- 3 Dollars (\$500,000.00) and only to the extent that transfers not diminish DOE's
- 4 ability to fill critical vacancies for teachers, school administrators, guidance
- 5 and health counselors, and substitute teachers.
- Section 9. Section 15201.1(b) of Article 2, Chapter 15, Division 2, Title 22 of the Guam Code Annotated, as added by Section 3 of P.L. 26-27, is
- 8 repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

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### "(b) Authorization to Secure Off-Guam Insurance.

Notwithstanding any other provision of Law, any registered Guam nonprofit youth sport association is hereby authorized to secure off-Guam liability and accident insurance for purposes of their participation in local inter-league plays and off-Guam participations.

This authorization shall *only* be implemented *after* solicitations of local insurance companies is exhausted, and *only* if the rate of insurance by the local insurance company is *more than* twenty-five percent (25%) higher than those offered by the National or International Insurance Company."

**Section 10. Severability.** *If* any provision of this Law or its application to any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity shall *not* affect other provisions or applications of this Law which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this Law are severable.



### MINA' BENTE SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

TWENTY-SIXTH GUAM LEGISLATURE 155 Hesler Street, Hagåtña, Guam 96910

### 2001 (FIRST) Regular Session

I, Antonio R. Unpingco, Speaker of *I Mina'Bente Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, hereby certify, in conformance with Title 2 Guam Code Annotated § 2103, *Public Hearings Mandatory*, as amended, that an emergency condition exists involving danger to the public welfare of the People and therefore waive the statutory requirements for a public hearing on Bill Number 234 (COR), "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FOUR MILLION TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$4,200,000.00) FROM THE MEDICAID AND MEDICALLY INDIGENT PROGRAM ASSISTANCE PAYMENT FUND," which was introduced on December 3, 2001, and therefore waive the statutory requirements for a public hearing on Bill Number 234 (COR).

Dated:

December 5, 2001

ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO Speaker & Presiding Officer

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# I MINA' BENTE SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN

2001 (FIRST) Regular Session

Date: 12/7/0 /

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CALVO, Eddie B.					
CAMACHO, Felix P.	V				
CHARFAUROS, Mark C.	V				
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MOYLAN, Kaleo S.					
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SANTOS, Angel L.G.	V				
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December 5, 2001

ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO Speaker & Presiding Officer

### MINA' BENTE SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2001 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. <u>234</u> (<u>cor</u>)

Introduced by:

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E. B. Calvo

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AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FOUR MILLION TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$4,200,000.00) FROM THE MEDICAID AND MEDICALLY INDIGENT PROGRAM ASSISTANCE PAYMENT FUND

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guåhan find that Public Law 26-58, Section 4 created a Medicaid and Medically Indigent Program Assistance Payment Fund (the "Fund"). The Act identified the Fund as a special fund of the government of Guam for the sole purpose of covering any program shortfall in the Medically Indigent Program and the Public Assistance Program of the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPH&SS).

Concurrently, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* find the Act specified an amount not to exceed Four Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,200,000.00) shall be deposited into the Fund at the time or times and not the extent that amounts constituting revenues derived by the government under 48 U.S.C \$1421h (\$30 of the Organic Act of Guam) and previously deposited in a debt

- 1 service fund with respect to prior bonds are made available by refunding of
- 2 such prior bonds pursuant to said Chapter.
- 3 Section 2. Appropriation to the Medicaid and Medically Indigent
- 4 Program Assistance Payment Fund. Pursuant to Public Law Number 26-58
- 5 and notwithstanding any other provision of law:
- 6 (a) There is hereby appropriated the sum of Four Million Two Hundred
- 7 Thousand Dollars (\$4,200,000.00) from the Medicaid and Medically Indigent
- 8 Program Assistance Payment Fund to the Medically Indigent Program
- 9 Payment Revolving Fund (MIPPR) for the payments of the Medically Indigent
- 10 Program and Medicaid Program. Such appropriation may be used to pay
- 11 prior years and current obligations of both the Medically Indigent Program
- 12 and Medicaid Program.
- 13 (b) The Director of the DPH&SS is hereby authorized, notwithstanding
- any other provisions contained in Section 5 and Section 6 of Public Law 26-47
- 15 or this Act, to pay for prior years and current obligations of both the
- 16 Medically Indigent Program and the Medicaid Program.
- 17 Section 3. Restriction upon I Maga'lahen Guåhan's Transfer
- 18 **Authority.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, I Maga lahen Guåhan
- 19 shall *not* use his transfer authority to utilize any monies appropriated herein
- and said funds shall *not* be transferred or used for any other purpose.
- Section 4. Reversion of Funds. Notwithstanding the general
- 22 provisions of §22406 of Title 5 of the Guam Code Annotated, which require
- 23 that unused and de-appropriated funds revert to the General Fund, or any
- other provision of law to the contrary, all unused funds appropriated herein

- 1 shall, in all circumstances, and whether in whole or in part, shall be carried
- 2 over into the next fiscal year and shall be expended exclusively for Medicaid
- 3 Program and the Medically Indigent Program administered by the
- 4 Department of Public Health and Social Services.
- 5 Section 5. Reporting Requirement. The Department of Public Health
- 6 and Social Services shall submit a detailed report of the expenditures of the
- 7 funds appropriated by this Act to the Speaker of I Liheslaturan Guåhan, to the
- 8 Chairpersons of the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on
- 9 Public Works, Health and Human Services of I Liheslaturan Guåhan, within
- 10 sixty (60) days following the close of Fiscal Year 2002. If any unused portion
- of the funds appropriated herein is carried over into Fiscal Year 2003, the
- 12 provisions contained in this Section so do apply.
- 13 Section 6. Effective Date. The provisions of this Act shall become
- 14 effective immediately upon enactment.
- 15 Section 7. Severability. If any provision of this Law or its
- 16 application to any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to
- 17 law, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this
- 18 Law which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application,
- and to this end the provisions of this Law are severable.