

I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
130-36 (COR)	Telena Cruz Nelson Clynton E. Ridgell Therese M. Terlaje Mary Camacho Torres Jose “Pedro” Terlaje Sabina Flores Perez Amanda L. Shelton Tina Rose Muña Barnes Joe S. San Agustin	Relative to expressing the support of <i>I Mina'trentai Sais na Liheslaturan Guahan</i> 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;	7/22/21 2:34 p.m.			7/26/21 4:54 p.m.	Author	8/23/21 5:00 p.m.	8/30/21 10:44 a.m.	



THE OFFICE OF SENATOR TELENA CRUZ NELSON

I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN | 36th GUAM LEGISLATURE

August 24, 2021


The Honorable Therese M. Terlaje

Speaker

I Mina'trentai Sais na Liheslaturan Guáhan

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Hagåtña, Guam 96910

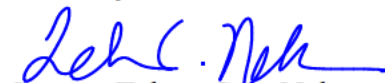
VIA: The Honorable Amanda L. Shelton 
Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules

RE: Author's Report on Resolution No. 130-36 (COR)

Hâfa adai Speaker Terlaje,

Transmitted herewith for consideration by the Body is the report on Resolution No. 130-36 (COR) – Author, Senator Telena Cruz Nelson, Senator Clynton Ridgell, Speaker Therese Terlaje, Senator Mary Torres, Senator Jose “Pedro” Terlaje, Senator Sabina Perez, Senator Amanda Shelton, Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes, and Senator Joe 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.”, which was publicly heard on Monday, August 23, 2021.

Sincerely,



Senator Telena Cruz Nelson
Author

COMMITTEE ON RULES

RECEIVED:

August 24, 2021

8:11 A.M.



Revisions Rec'd:

August 30, 2021 @ 8:00 A.M.



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AUTHOR'S REPORT

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By Senator Telen Cruz Nelson, Author; Senator Clynton Ridgell, Speaker Therese Terlaje, Senator Mary Torres, Senator Jose “Pedo” Terlaje, Senator Sabina Perez, Senator Amanda Shelton, Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muna Barnes, and Senator Joe San Agustin



Vice Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES

CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE ON RULES

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July 26, 2021

MEMO

To: **Rennae Meno**
Clerk of the Legislature

Attorney Ana Won Pat-Borja
Legislative Legal Counsel

From: **Senator Amanda L. Shelton**
Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Re: **Referral of Resolution No. 130-36 (COR)**

Buenas yan Håfa adai,

As per my authority as Acting Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding the referral of **Resolution No. 130-36 (COR)** – Telena Cruz Nelson, Clynton E. Ridgell, Therese M. Terlaje, Mary Camacho Torres, Jose “Pedro” Terlaje, Sabina Flores Perez, Amanda L. Shelton, Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Joe S. San Agustin – “Relative to expressing the support of *I Mina'trentai Sais na Liheslaturan Guåhan* 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.”

Please ensure that the subject resolution is referred to **Senator Telena Cruz Nelson, Author of Resolution No. 130-36 (COR)**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mary Maravilla, Committee on Rules Director at 472-2461.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Senator Amanda L. Shelton

Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules



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FIRST NOTICE of Public Hearing on Monday, August 23, 2021 at 5:00 P.M.

Office of Senator Telena Cruz Nelson <senatortcnelson@guamlegislature.org>

Fri, Aug 13, 2021 at 7:45 AM

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August 13, 2021

MEMORANDUM

To: All Honorable Senators, Stakeholders and Media
From: Senator Telena Cruz Nelson
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Committee on Education, Self-Determination and Historic Preservation, Infrastructure, Border Safety, Federal and Foreign Affairs, and Maritime Transportation

I Mina'trentai Sais na Liheslaturan Guåhan | 36th Guam Legislature

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Thu, Aug 19, 2021 at 8:08 AM

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Telena Cruz Nelson <senatortcnelson@guamlegislature.org>

INVITATION: Res. No. 130-36 (COR) Public Hearing on Monday, August 23, 2021 at 5:00 P.M.

Office of Senator Telena Cruz Nelson <senatortcnelson@guamlegislature.org>
To: "Arthur U. San Agustin" <arthur.sanagustin@dphss.guam.gov>

Mon, Aug 16, 2021 at 11:57 AM

Hafa adai Director San Agustin,

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Our office kindly requests for input or testimony be provided. Should you have any questions, you may contact (671) 989-7696 or email senatortcnelson@guamlegislature.org.

Thank you!



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Public Hearing

Monday, August 23, 2021

5:00 P.M.

Agenda

- I. Call to Order at 5:00 P.M.
- II. Opening Remarks by Senator Telena C. Nelson, Author
- III. Items for discussion –

Resolution No. 130-36 (COR) “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.”

- IV. Closing Remarks

- V. Adjournment

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OFFICE OF VICE SPEAKER TELENA CRUZ NELSON

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LEGISLATURE

Res. No. 130-36 (COR)

Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet

Monday, August 23, 2021 • 5:00 P.M.

NAME	AGENCY OR ORGANIZATION (IF ANY)	SUPPORT? OPPOSE?	WRITTEN TESTIMONY	ORAL TESTIMONY	CONTACT NUMBER	EMAIL ADDRESS
Teresita Guimbalan	DPHSS	Support				teresita.guimbalan@dphss.guam.gov
Janet Cruz	DPHSS	✓				Janet.cruz@dphss.guam.gov

PROGRAM	ACCOUNTS	FY2021 APPROPRIATION			FY2021 EXPENDITURES		
		FED	LOC	APPROPRIATION	FED	LOC	TC
MEDICAID ASSISTANCE CLIENT TRAVEL	5101B211723MA102220	\$ 209,620.00	\$ 25,380.00	\$ 235,000.00	\$ 199,185.29	\$ 24,116.61	\$ 223,301.90
MEDICAID ASSISTANCE CONTRACTUAL	5101B211723MA102230	\$ 1,412,406.18	\$ 171,008.82	\$ 1,583,415.00	\$ 1,177,155.27	\$ 142,525.53	\$ 1,319,680.80
MEDICAID ASSISTANCE PAYMENT	5101B211723MA102290	\$ 51,893,409.08	\$ 6,283,058.50	\$ 58,176,467.58	\$ 51,893,409.08	\$ 6,283,058.50	\$ 58,176,467.58
MEDICAID PAYMENT III	5101B211723MA104290	\$ 5,942,264.38	\$ 719,466.99	\$ 6,661,731.37	\$ 5,852,165.82	\$ 708,558.19	\$ 6,560,724.01
TOTAL MEDICAID PAYMENT (89.2/10.8)		\$ 59,457,699.64	\$ 7,198,914.31	\$ 66,656,613.95	\$ 59,121,915.46	\$ 7,158,258.82	\$ 66,280,174.29
MEDICAID WAIVER (\$200,000)	5101H211723MA147290	\$ 1,851,851.85	\$ -	\$ 1,851,851.85	\$ 1,851,851.78	\$ -	\$ 1,851,851.78
TOTAL MEDICAID PAYMENT (100%)		\$ 1,851,851.85	\$ -	\$ 1,851,851.85	\$ 1,851,851.78	\$ -	\$ 1,851,851.78
MEDICAID CHILDLESS ADLT	5101B211723MA114290	\$ 42,000,000.00	\$ 4,666,666.67	\$ 46,666,666.67	\$ 30,790,531.19	\$ 3,421,170.13	\$ 34,211,701.32
MAP CHILDLESS ADULT (90/10)		\$ 42,000,000.00	\$ 4,666,666.67	\$ 46,666,666.67	\$ 30,790,531.19	\$ 3,421,170.13	\$ 34,211,701.32
CHIP WAIVER (\$200,000)	5101H211723MA117290	\$ 1,333,333.33	\$ -	\$ 1,333,333.33	\$ 1,333,333.33	\$ -	\$ 1,333,333.33
CHIP PAYMENT (85/15)	5101B211723MA103290	\$ 15,426,968.67	\$ 2,722,406.24	\$ 18,149,374.91	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
CHIP PAYMENT (100%)		\$ 16,760,302.00	\$ 2,722,406.24	\$ 19,482,708.24	\$ 1,333,333.33	\$ -	\$ 1,333,333.33
MAP SALARY	5101B211723PA101111	\$ 861,320.00	\$ 861,320.00	\$ 1,722,640.00	\$ 717,785.34	\$ 717,785.34	\$ 1,435,570.68
MAP OVERTIME	5101B211723PA101112	\$ 89,215.51	\$ 89,215.51	\$ 178,431.02	\$ 9,966.06	\$ 9,966.06	\$ 19,932.12
MAP BENEFITS	5101B211723PA101113	\$ 359,428.49	\$ 359,428.49	\$ 718,856.98	\$ 290,030.77	\$ 290,030.77	\$ 580,061.53
MAP TRAVEL	5101B211723PA101220	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
MAP CONTRACTUAL	5101B211723PA101230	\$ 425,347.00	\$ 425,347.00	\$ 850,694.00	\$ 197,911.53	\$ 197,911.53	\$ 395,823.05
MAP LEASE/BLDG RENTAL	5101B211723PA101233	\$ 318,523.03	\$ 318,523.03	\$ 637,046.06	\$ 140,726.08	\$ 140,726.08	\$ 281,452.15
MAP SUPPLIES	5101B211723PA101240	\$ 35,125.00	\$ 35,125.00	\$ 70,250.00	\$ 23,530.98	\$ 23,530.98	\$ 47,061.95
MAP EQUIPMENT	5101B211723PA101250	\$ 35,523.00	\$ 35,523.00	\$ 71,046.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
MAP DRUG TESTING	5101B211723PA101271	\$ 240.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 480.00	\$ 92.50	\$ 92.50	\$ 185.00
MAP POWER	5101B211723PA101361	\$ 32,500.00	\$ 32,500.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 10,563.17	\$ 10,563.17	\$ 21,126.33
MAP WATER	5101B211723PA101362	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
MAP TELEPHONE	5101B211723PA101363	\$ 24,500.00	\$ 24,500.00	\$ 49,000.00	\$ 5,817.17	\$ 5,817.17	\$ 11,634.34
MAP INDIRECT	5101B211723PA101701	\$ 180,777.97	\$ 180,777.97	\$ 361,555.94	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
MAP ADMIN (50/50)		\$ 2,362,500.00	\$ 2,362,500.00	\$ 4,725,000.00	\$ 1,396,423.58	\$ 1,396,423.58	\$ 2,792,847.15
OVERALL MAP PAYMENT TOTALS		\$ 120,069,853.50	\$ 14,587,987.21	\$ 134,657,840.71	\$ 93,097,631.76	\$ 10,579,428.96	\$ 103,677,060.72
OVERALL MAP ADMIN AND MAP PAYMENT TOTALS		\$ 122,432,353.50	\$ 16,950,487.21	\$ 4,725,000.00	\$ 94,494,055.34	\$ 11,975,852.53	\$ 106,469,907.87

FY2021 GRANT BREAKDOWN		
MAP PAYMENT	\$	127,700,000.00
MAP ADMIN	\$	2,012,500.00
TOTAL MEDICAID GRANT AWARDS	\$	129,712,500.00

					FEDERAL	LOCAL GF (P.L. 35-99)	LOCAL HFF (P.L. 35-99)	FY2020 LOCAL HFF (P.L. 35-124)	FY 2020 5100B201723MT950290	FY2020 LOCAL HFF (P.L. 35-36)	TC
TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT					\$ 129,712,500.00	\$ 7,811,661.00	\$ 6,521,824.00	\$6,000,000.00	\$413,938.22	\$3,668,278.00	
ACCOUNT NAME	OBJECT CLASS	FEDERAL ACCOUNTS	ACCOUNT NAME	LOCAL ACCOUNTS							
MEDICAID ADMIN (50/50)		5101B211723PA101	MEDICAID-ADMIN & PAYMENTS MT	5100B211723MT950290	\$ 2,362,500.00	\$ 2,362,500.00					\$ 4,725,000.00
MEDICAID CHILDLESS ADULTS MISCELLANEOUS (90/10)	290	5101B211723MA114290	MAP CHILDLESS ADULT MT MISC	5100B211723MTXXX290	\$ 42,000,000.00	\$ 4,666,666.67					\$ 46,666,666.67
MEDICAID PAYMENTS (89.2/10.8)	220	5101B211723MA102220	MAP PAYMENTS MT	5602B211723MT971290	\$ 209,620.00		\$ 25,380.00				\$ 235,000.00
MEDICAID PAYMENTS (89.2/10.8)	230	5101B211723MA102230			\$ 1,412,406.18		\$ 171,008.82				\$ 1,583,415.00
MEDICAID PAYMENTS (89.2/10.8)	290	5101B211723MA102290			\$ 51,893,409.08		\$ 6,283,058.50				\$ 58,176,467.58
MEDICAID PAYMENTS (III) (89.2/10.8)	290	5101B211723MA104290	MEDICAID-ADMIN & PAYMENTS MT	5100B201723MT950290	\$ 5,942,264.38	\$ 719,466.99					\$ 6,661,731.37
MEDICAID WAIVER 100%		5101B211723MAXXX290			\$ 1,851,851.85						\$ 1,851,851.85
MEDICAID PAYMENT MISC IV (89.2/10.8)	290	5101B211723xxx290	MEDICAID PAYMENT MISC. IV MT	5602B211723MTxxx290	\$ 21,556,446.81			\$ 2,609,973.38			\$ 24,166,420.19
TOTAL AMOUNT WITH LOCAL MATCH					\$ 127,228,498.31	\$ 7,748,633.66	\$ 6,479,447.32				\$ 144,066,552.66
DPHSS MEDICAID PAYMENT HFF P.L. 35-124 (Unmatched FUNDING)	290				\$ 2,484,001.69						\$ 2,784,755.26
GRAND TOTAL PAYMENT					\$ 124,744,496.61	\$ 7,748,633.66	\$ 6,479,447.32			\$ -	\$ 146,851,307.92
CHIP (85/15)	290	5101B211723MA103290	CHIP MISCELLANEOUS PAYMENTS	5100B211723MT951920	\$ 15,426,968.67	\$ 2,722,406.24					\$ 18,149,374.90
CHIP WAIVER	290	5101H211723MA127290	CHIP WAIVER		\$ 1,333,333.33						\$ 1,333,333.33
CHIP RESERVE FUNDING						\$ 480,048.09					
FY21 2Q CHIP MISC. PAYMENT II (85/15)	290	5101B211723MAXXX290	CHIP MISC. PAYMENT II MT	5602B211723MTxxx290	\$ 13,918,012.00			\$ 2,456,119.76			
FY2020 CHIP CARRYOVER	290	5101B201723MTxxx290	CHIP MISCELLANEOUS PAYMENTS	5602B211723MTxxx290	\$ 5,292,138.85			\$ 933,906.86			\$ 6,226,045.71
HIT IAPD ADMIN (90/10)		5101B211723PA108	HIT-IAPD ADM MT	5100B211723MT960290	\$ 231,000.00	\$ 25,666.67					\$ 256,666.67
TMSIS IAPD ADMIN (90/10)		5101B211723PA139	TMSIS IAPD ADMIN MT	5100B211723MT954290	\$ 1,546,913.70	\$ 171,879.30					\$ 1,718,793.00
								\$ -	\$ 413,938.22	\$ 3,668,278.00	

FOOTNOTE:

Remaining CHIP	\$	1,027,593.76
Reserve:	\$	(25,666.67) HIT MT
	\$	(171,879.00) TMSIS MT
	\$	(350,000.00) MAP ADM & PMT MT
	\$	480,048.09 RESERVE

FY2021 ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES

MAP (89.2/10.8)	66,280,174.29	Exp as of 8.23.2021
		11 Months
\$	6,025,470.39	Average per month
\$		1.5 x Remaining Mths
\$	9,038,205.59	ANTICIPATED EXP FOR REMAINING FY2021

MEDCIAD CHILDLESS ADULT (90/10)

MAP CHIDLSS ADLT (90/10)	\$ 34,211,701.32	
		11 Months
\$	3,110,154.67	Average per month
		1.5 x Remaining Mths
\$	4,665,232.00	ANTICIPATED EXP FOR REMAINING FY2021

		FY2020 APPROPRIATION			FY2020 EXPENDITURES		
PROGRAM	ACCOUNTS	FED	LOC	APPROPRIATION	FED	LOC	TC
MEDICAID ASSISTANCE PMT HR1865 CLIENT TRAVEL	5101B201723MA143220	\$ 55,850.73	\$ 6,762.20	\$ 62,612.93	\$ 54,783.86	\$ 6,633.02	\$ 61,416.88
MEDICAID ASSISTANCE PMT HR1865 CONTRACT	5101B201723MA143230	\$ 1,148,103.01	\$ 139,007.99	\$ 1,287,111.00	\$ 1,148,103.01	\$ 139,007.99	\$ 1,287,111.00
MEDICAID ASSISTANCE PMT HR1865	5101B201723MA143290	\$ 29,627,459.42	\$ 3,587,181.19	\$ 33,214,640.61	\$ 25,777,983.03	\$ 3,121,101.08	\$ 28,899,084.11
MAP PAYMENT SEC1108 HR1865 (1)	5101B201723MA146290	\$ 27,694,380.65	\$ 3,353,131.29	\$ 31,047,511.94	\$ 24,766,006.63	\$ 2,998,574.79	\$ 27,764,581.42
TOTAL MEDICAID PAYMENT (89.2/10.8)		\$ 58,525,793.82	\$ 7,086,082.66	\$ 65,611,876.48	\$ 51,746,876.52	\$ 6,265,316.89	\$ 58,012,193.41
ENHANCEMENT ALLOTMENT PLAN (100%)	5101B201723SE107290	\$ 2,403,642.22	\$ -	\$ 2,403,642.22	\$ 1,360,832.00		\$ 1,360,832.00
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PAYMT 100% TRAVEL	5101E201723MA136220	\$ 56,101.82	\$ -	\$ 56,101.82	\$ 56,101.82	\$ -	\$ 56,101.82
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PAYMT 100% CONTRACT	5101E201723MA136230	\$ 474,895.30	\$ -	\$ 474,895.30	\$ 474,895.30	\$ -	\$ 474,895.30
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PAYMT 100% PAYMENT	5101E201723MA136290	\$ 15,824,732.18	\$ -	\$ 15,824,732.18	\$ 15,824,732.18	\$ -	\$ 15,824,732.18
MEDICAL ASSIT PMT SEC1323/HR4378 PAYMENT	5101E201723MA138290	\$ 11,794,583.99	\$ -	\$ 11,794,583.99	\$ 11,794,583.75	\$ -	\$ 11,794,583.75
MEDICAID WAIVER (\$200,000)	5101H201723MA147290	\$ 1,851,851.85	\$ -	\$ 1,851,851.85	\$ 1,851,851.78	\$ -	\$ 1,851,851.78
TOTAL MEDICAID PAYMENT (100%)		\$ 30,002,165.14	\$ -	\$ 30,002,165.14	\$ 30,002,164.83	\$ -	\$ 30,002,164.83
MAP CHLDLS ADLT 1108 HR1865(1)	5101B201723MA145290	\$ 9,603,233.14	\$ 1,067,025.90	\$ 10,670,259.04	\$ 9,603,231.89	\$ 1,067,025.77	\$ 10,670,257.65
MAP CHLDLS ADLT 1108 HR1865 II	5101B201723MA148290	\$ 20,790,671.22	\$ 2,310,074.58	\$ 23,100,745.80	\$ 25,560,516.43	\$ 2,840,057.38	\$ 28,400,573.81
MAP CHILDLESS ADULT (90/10)		\$ 30,393,904.36	\$ 3,377,100.48	\$ 33,771,004.84	\$ 35,163,748.31	\$ 3,907,083.15	\$ 39,070,831.46
CHIP MISC. PAYMENT HR4378 100%	5101E201723MA144290	\$ 6,839,005.65	\$ -	\$ 6,839,005.65	\$ 6,838,990.54	\$ -	\$ 6,838,990.54
CHIP WAIVER (\$200,000)	5101H201723MA127290	\$ 27,196,669.55	\$ -	\$ 27,196,669.55	\$ 21,904,530.70	\$ -	\$ 21,904,530.70
CHIP PAYMENT (100%)		\$ 34,035,675.20	\$ -	\$ 34,035,675.20	\$ 28,743,521.24	\$ -	\$ 28,743,521.24
MAP SALARY	5101B201723PA101111	\$ 856,702.00	\$ 856,702.00	\$ 1,713,404.00	\$ 850,686.14	\$ 850,686.14	\$ 1,701,372.28
MAP OVERTIME	5101B201723PA101112	\$ 58,137.00	\$ 58,137.00	\$ 116,274.00	\$ 21,100.88	\$ 21,100.88	\$ 42,201.76
MAP BENEFITS	5101B201723PA101113	\$ 313,591.50	\$ 313,591.50	\$ 627,183.00	\$ 311,886.29	\$ 311,886.29	\$ 623,772.57
MAP TRAVEL	5101B201723PA101220	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 4,500.30	\$ 4,500.30	\$ 9,000.60
MAP CONTRACTUAL	5101B201723PA101230	\$ 468,519.97	\$ 468,519.97	\$ 937,039.94	\$ 383,092.73	\$ 383,092.73	\$ 766,185.46
MAP LEASE/BLDG RENTAL	5101B201723PA101233	\$ 154,742.03	\$ 154,742.03	\$ 309,484.06	\$ 93,805.45	\$ 93,805.45	\$ 187,610.89
MAP SUPPLIES	5101B201723PA101240	\$ 10,125.00	\$ 10,125.00	\$ 20,250.00	\$ 9,573.60	\$ 9,573.60	\$ 19,147.20
MAP EQUIPMENT	5101B201723PA101250	\$ 12,842.00	\$ 12,842.00	\$ 25,684.00	\$ 12,685.00	\$ 12,685.00	\$ 25,370.00
MAP DRUG TESTING	5101B201723PA101271	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 80.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
MAP POWER	5101B201723PA101361	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 7,528.35	\$ 7,528.35	\$ 15,056.69
MAP WATER	5101B201723PA101362	\$ 1,025.00	\$ 1,025.00	\$ 2,050.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
MAP TELEPHONE	5101B201723PA101363	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
MAP INDIRECT	5101B201723PA101701	\$ 213,775.00	\$ 213,775.00	\$ 427,550.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
MAP ADMIN (50/50)		\$ 2,105,999.50	\$ 2,105,999.50	\$ 4,211,999.00	\$ 1,696,858.73	\$ 1,696,858.73	\$ 3,393,717.45
OVERALL MAP MAP PAYMENT TOTALS		\$ 155,361,180.74	\$ 10,463,183.14	\$ 165,824,363.88	\$ 147,017,142.91	\$ 10,172,400.03	\$ 157,189,542.94
OVERALL MAP ADMIN AND MAP PAYMENT TOTALS		\$ 157,467,180.24	\$ 12,569,182.64	\$ 170,036,362.88	\$ 148,714,001.63	\$ 11,869,258.76	\$ 160,583,260.39

GRANT BREAKDOWN:

MAP PAYMENT	\$16,469,000.00	
MAP ADMIN.	\$1,911,000.00	
	\$18,380,000.00	Initial Grant Award Received

MAP PAYMENT	\$108,425,000.00	
MAP ADMIN.	\$195,000.00	
	\$108,620,000.00	2ND Grant Rec'd on 2/20/2020

OVERALL MEDICAID GRANT AWARD RECEIVED:

MAP PAYMENT	\$124,894,000.00	
MAP ADMIN.	\$2,106,000.00	
	\$127,000,000.00	FY2020 Total Grant Award Rec'd
	\$ (92,877,549.73)	Federal Matched (Current)
	\$34,122,450.27	REMAINING FED UNMATCHED
	\$ 3,875,000.00	COVID-19 Grant Award
	\$37,997,450.27	FEDERAL AMOUNT UNMATCHED



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Re: Resolution No. 130-36 (COR) - 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.

Dear Senator Nelson:

Buenas! The Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) concur with Resolution No. 130-36 to support H.R- 4406 to amend Title XI and XIX of the Social Security Act to provide increased financial support to the territories under the Medicaid program, and other purposes.

Before the passage of Affordable Care Act, PL 116-20 (Supplemental Appropriations for fiscal year ending September 30, 2019), and PL 116-94 (Further Consolidated Act of 2020), the Guam Medicaid Program operated with an annual budget ceiling allotment based on Section 1108 of the Social Security Act. Although the funding allotment increased yearly based on the medical consumers price index, it was insufficient to support the healthcare needs of Guam's Medicaid population.

PL 116-94 temporarily increased the Medicaid Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) to 83% and increased the Medicaid cap for two consecutive years, ending on September 30, 2021 for the territories except Puerto Rico. Based on the table below, the Guam Medicaid expenditures for the past several years continued to grow due to increasing medical costs brought about by new drugs, advancing medical technology or new treatment modalities, and new health standards or mandates, not to mention the increase on healthcare services utilization. Additionally, the number of Guam Medicaid enrollees has also grown for the past several years, which will continue to increase with the inclusion of COFAS and the recent increase on the Guam Medicaid income guideline to expand coverage to the uninsured population of Guam.

Fiscal Year	No. of Medicaid Eligibles	Medicaid, CHIP, EAP and MAPNEG Payments	Medicaid Admin Expenditure	TOTAL MEDICAID EXPENDITURES
2011	35,701	\$ 33,894,279	\$ 1,987,461	\$ 35,881,740
2012	40,433	\$ 46,877,383	\$ 2,069,609	\$ 48,946,992
2013	43,603	\$ 73,499,383	\$ 2,736,446	\$ 76,235,829
2014	44,528	\$ 86,846,732	\$ 3,026,042	\$ 89,872,774
2015	44,033	\$ 81,596,426	\$ 2,688,562	\$ 84,284,988
2016	43,673	\$ 95,382,705	\$ 2,636,618	\$ 98,019,323
2017	43,476	\$ 108,609,905	\$ 2,650,294	\$ 111,260,199
2018	43,549	\$ 110,876,286	\$ 2,348,585	\$ 113,224,871
2019	43,804	\$ 151,062,508	\$ 2,920,243	\$ 153,982,751
2020	43,387	\$ 157,256,853	\$ 3,499,583	\$ 160,756,436

Extending the increase on Medicaid FMAP and cap amounts for the territories will provide greater access to health care. Providers will continue to accept Medicaid patients knowing there is funding to compensate for their services. Thus, Medicaid patients will no longer delay seeing their physician or go to the emergency room when their primary physician discontinued accepting them. This will lessen the non-emergency use of hospital emergency room and reduce the uncompensated care for emergency room use. Furthermore, this will provide Guam Medicaid the flexibility to develop innovative approaches using federal funding to purchase private insurance for some of its recipients. Additionally, it will also promote Guam's economic growth because providers will be paid timely, be able to treat more Medicaid recipients, and have additional resources to spend which translates to greater tax revenues.

Thank you for the opportunity to share DPHSS support on Medicaid funding issues.


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AUTHOR'S REPORT DIGEST

I. OVERVIEW

Resolution No. 130-36 (COR) was introduced on Thursday, July 22, 2021 by Senator Telena Cruz Nelson, Senator Clynton Ridgell, Speaker Therese Terlaje, Senator Mary Torres, Senator Jose “Pedro” Terlaje, Senator Sabina Perez, Senator Amanda Shelton, Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes, and Senator Joe San Agustin and was subsequently referred by the Committee on Rules to Senator Telena Cruz Nelson, Author, on July 26, 2021. The Author convened a public hearing on Monday, August 23, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in *I Liheslaturan Guahan* Public Hearing Room.

Public Notice Requirements

Public Hearing notices were sent via email to all senators, stakeholders, and all main media broadcasting outlets on Friday, August 13, 2021 and again on Thursday, August 19, 2021. Notice was also provided on the Guam Legislature website at guamlegislature.org.

Senators Present

Senator Telena Cruz Nelson, Author
Senator Amanda Shelton
Senator Telo Taitague
Senator Joanne Brown

Appearing before the Committee

Teresita Gumataotao, Administrator of DPHSS Bureau of Healthcare and Financing Janet Cruz, Management Analyst of DPHSS Bureau of Healthcare and Financing

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

The Public Hearing was called-to-order at 5:07 P.M.

Senator Telena Cruz Nelson, Author: Buenas yan Háfa adai, everyone. Thank you for coming. The Office of Senator Telena Cruz Nelson. It is 5:07 p.m. Today is Monday, August 23, 2021.

For the record and in accordance with the Open Government Law, public notices were sent via email to all senators, stakeholders, and all main media broadcasting outlets on Friday, August 13, 2021 and again on Thursday, August 19, 2021. Notice was also provided on the Guam Legislature website.

Joining me today are Senator Amanda Shelton, thank you for joining us and Senator Telo Taitague. Today on the agenda we are here to discuss Resolution No. 130-36 (COR) which was submitted to Committee on Rules on July 22, 2021.

Resolution No. 130-36 (COR), “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.”

I have called for this public hearing so that we may hear from the community on their thoughts and concerns in regard to Resolution No. 130-36 (COR), which seeks to express support for the passage of HR 4406, the “Supporting Medicaid in the U.S. Territories Act of 2021.” Unlike States, Guam and other U.S. territories have a cap on the percentage of how much federal monetary assistance are to be allocated based on the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) for Guam’s Medicaid program. Guam’s FMAP is statutorily set at 55%, but after the passage of P.L. 116-94, the “Further Consolidated Appropriations Act 2020,” our island received a temporary FMAP increase to 83%. This temporary increase is slated to expire on in September of this year – September 2022, and the amount of federal support will return to the FMAP percentage of 55%. Because of this upcoming expiration date, Resolution No. 130-36 (COR) strongly supports for the passage of HR 4406 as this legislation will continue to support the citizens of Guam who are enrolled under the Medicaid program for an additional 8 years.

And just to note, that currently Medicaid serves one fifths of Guam’s population totaling to nearly 35,499 beneficiaries. These additional funds provided by Congress in response to the unprecedented affects of the COVID-19 pandemic and also was increased Guam’s Federal Medical Assistance Percentage from 55% to 83% in. the previous year under H.R. 265.

So, this again is just a caveat to H.R. 265, to extend the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage for territories; from 55% to 83% and we saw how Guam greatly benefited through H.R. 265. And so, we are here addressing the new resolution, H.R. 4406, so that again we can ensure that Guam will continue to receive to this type of equity – equitable support from our federal government.

And I thank those that are here to give testimony today or to provide some answers on the questions that the panel may have; Ms. Teresita Gumataotao and Ms. Janet Cruz. And I believe we have written testimony by the Director of Public Health – Director Art San Agustin. You are welcome to read his testimony and feel free to speak on this measure.

Thank you very much for being here today.

Teresita Gumataotao, Administrator of DPHSS Bureau of Healthcare and Financing: Buenas and thank you very much, Senator Telena, Senator Shelton and Senator Taitague. I'll be reading from the Director's testimony.

Begins Director Arthur San Agustin, Department of Public Health and Social Services written testimony into the record. Please see attached testimony.

Senator Telena Cruz Nelson, Author: Thank you very much. Mrs. Gumataotao, can you go ahead and state your name for the record and your position.

Teresita Gumataotao Administrator of DPHSS Bureau of Healthcare and Financing: My name is Teresita Gumataotao, I'm the Administrator for the Bureau of Healthcare and Financing. Administration that oversees the Medicaid and MIP Program.

Senator Telena Cruz Nelson, Author: Okay and thank you. And thank you for providing the table of eligible. We are looking at 2020 which is the most recent data that we had. So, those that are eligible has increased to now 43,387 from what was previously stated at the 35,000 recipient.

So, I offer the panel if they have any questions or comments and we'll start with the Legislative Secretary, Senator Shelton.

Senator Amanda Shelton: Thank you very much, Madam Chair and Mrs. Gumataotao for your testimony tonight, of course to the Director and the team at Public Health for being here to support this resolution so, we are able to send our support, our united voice to Congress for this effort.

And I am looking at the chart you provided and the testimony. I was hoping that you will put on the record the type of growth that we've seen for Guam Medicaid enrollee. If you can tell us the last couple of years. What kind of increase we're seeing to our eligible for Medicaid?

Teresita Gumataotao, Administrator of DPHSS Bureau of Healthcare and Financing: Can you repeat that again?

Senator Amanda Shelton: I'm asking if you can say on the record. What has been the growth of eligible on island for Medicaid? So, we've seen this number that jumped in 2011 to 2020; from 33,000 to 43,000 and a lot of up and down between. But has been in your experience into this position. If you can explain how we came to be this number this way and what kind of steady growth we're seeing and is there a pattern that you're seeing to the people who are eligible?

Teresita Gumataotao, Administrator of DPHSS Bureau of Healthcare and Financing: One of the first increase that we expanded the childless adult group, it's called Medicaid MAP, a new eligibility group – I think that's 2021. What happens is that Medicaid was expanded because of the Affordable Care Act, it was expanded – they wanted Medicaid. They wanted to expand Medicaid to the childless adult group;

those are 19 to 64 years old. 65 is already considered elderly. So, the ones that are 19 to 64, they're normally without insurance because they won't qualify under Medicaid. Because under Medicaid, it's either TANF that's with family – children with family; parents, caretaker, relative, pregnant women and disabled.

So, these individuals the 19 year-olds to 64, that don't go in the category. We expanded the Medicaid program to include these childless adult group, that's one of it.

The other thing, we also increased our poverty tip level for the program and we're slowly increasing it again. We increased it again this year, January 1, 2021. To include the COFAS as well and that's probably one of the reason for the increase. Because it goes up and down and sometimes because of the two increase that we implemented plus the childless adult program included in the program.

Senator Amanda Shelton: Yes, thank you very much. I appreciated that information. So, there has been an expansion of eligibility for the program and increase of the poverty level. So, that's the explanation for the increase for those who are eligible for Medicaid. And so, I'm thankful for that explanation to help us paint a fuller picture here for the amount of people eligible on island and this house bill – the United States Representatives will help us see a little bit more funding coming in for all these individuals to help cover healthcare, they're health coverage under the Federal Medical Assistance Program. So, thank you very much for the information today.

Senator Telena Cruz Nelson, Author: Thank you, Senator Shelton. I'd like to also acknowledge Ms. Janet Cruz from DPHSS who is present with us today. And at this time, I'd like to acknowledge Senator Brown, thank you for joining us today. And Senator Telo Taitague, do you have any questions or comments for those who giving us testimony? Please proceed.

Senator Telo Taitague: Thank you, Madam Chair. Good evening, ladies, thank you for taking the time out after work, I know, you're tired so, I'll try to make this short as possible. I know you Mrs. Gumataotao but next to you is?

Janet Cruz, Management Analyst of DPHSS Bureau of Healthcare and Financing: My name is Janet Cruz and I'm the Management Analyst for the Healthcare and Financing.

Senator Telo Taitague: Thank you so much for being here and again, I appreciate you here to testify to something of course will benefit Guam all the way; it's important for the representation especially from the ones who work, who do the work. And that's you, we usually hear from Directors and sometimes for us, I prefer those who are really in the trenches working and doing the job to provide the information.

There is only one question that I have and I know this is between dinner and so, I'll make it quick. You said this initiative is provides the ability to fund private insurance to some of the recipients. So, currently right now, we are able to utilize some of this funding federal funds to purchase insurance.

Teresita Gumataotao, Administrator of DPHSS Bureau of Healthcare and Financing: But also, with that. What we're trying to do is more of...what currently is happening now under the program, Medicaid itself, we have what is called the Medicare buy in Part D buy in. What we normally do is assist the program in balancing, I guess the funding or the share of cost. Is we purchase like the Part B premium is like \$126 or \$132 a month.

So, we purchase the Part B health insurance premium at the same time it means we're more in the dialysis payment or services, will be paid by the Medicare Part B and we pay the co-insurance. So, if you look at it, it does save the program funding is one example. So, probably in the near future we do have extra funding we can purchase health insurance for the other individuals that don't qualify for Medicare. But these are some programs that are under Medicaid because if you look at the cost we rather pay the \$126 premium to pay than \$1,000 or \$50,000 expenditure because that means Medicare Part B will pay it and we pay the co-insurance of the Medicare.

Senator Telo Taitague: That makes total sense and to do it. It's a win-win here. I'm glad you ladies are looking into that to finding possible ways to save additional funding so more people can utilize to this ability to Medicaid and moving forward too. I did have another question, I lost my train of thought because of the end of the day. If I have any more questions, I will give you a call. But thank you so much for all the hard work you're doing at Public Health. I appreciate it, thank you.

Senator Telen Cruz Nelson, Author: Thank you, Senator Taitague. Senator Brown, do you have any questions or comments at this time?

Senator Joanne Brown: Just certainly brief, Madam Chair. I have no problem supporting Resolution No. 130. But I do want to get some feedback. I mean we certainly see the benefit that comes to Guam as a result if H.R. 4406, does pass but if it doesn't. What is the consequence to Guam if it doesn't get the support for the passage of this legislation in Congress? What does it mean to our community if this doesn't pass to get this additional support to Guam and the other territories?

Teresita Gumataotao, Administrator of DPHSS Bureau of Healthcare and Financing: We would revert back to where we used to be I think 20 years ago. 2010. What happens the expenditure will be carried over to the next fiscal year or the government will pay for it now. And other providers can also happen is if we don't pay the providers timely we can end up losing the...right now it is a challenge to get the providers. Right now, they're coming on board because we're paying them timely in the last decade.

Senator Joanne Brown: They've been getting timely payments?

Teresita Gumataotao, Administrator of DPHSS Bureau of Healthcare and Financing: Yes.

Senator Joanne Brown: But you're right. We often heard about that where providers stop providing the patients we're getting the service.

Teresita Gumataotao, Administrator of DPHSS Bureau of Healthcare and Financing: So, they're participating but I'm just getting worried because if we don't pay them on timely we would have to revert back in cutting services or limiting services. So, they can also see five patients per day.

Senator Joanne Brown: And these patients may not get the medical care or the visits they need of the consequence of that, right? No, I appreciate it and as I mentioned, Madam Chair, anything that can support getting resources to our economy and our community specifically for medical care. I think we all agree and appreciate any support additional support we get from the federal government to cover this cost. Most particularly our neighboring islanders that are coming into Guam, who are a number of cases who are uninsured and who may not have the resources to get the finances for their medical care or their own individual insurance. So, I can see all the pluses with regards in supporting Resolution 130. With that, Madam Chair, thank you very much for the opportunity to comment. And thank you all for coming in and joining us this afternoon.

Senator Telen Cruz Nelson, Author: Thank you, Senator Brown. Mrs. Cruz?

Janet Cruz, Management Analyst of DPHSS Bureau of Healthcare and Financing: If I may add also if you were to divert back to the cap and our cap funding is for 2022. And if the event the bill does not pass in Congress, we're looking at 19 Million Dollars in federal funds. So, like what Ms. Gumataotao mentioned that would definitely hurt our community and our healthcare services will then be limited and those who are participating, we may end up diverting our income level to a lower income level because we may not avail or provide the services to the community.

So, we're definitely in full support of this current bill.

Senator Telen Cruz Nelson, Author: Thank you very much, Mrs. Cruz. So, to just clarify, traditionally before COVID; Guam was receiving 55% from the federal medical percentage, right? And so, now because of COVID, the legislation moved up 83%. Can you please just give the community an idea of what the cost is, dollar amount between the 55% coverage and the 83%.

Teresita Gumataotao, Administrator of DPHSS Bureau of Healthcare and Financing: One example is, so if it 55% of course you take \$100 from the expenditure, 55% of that is \$55 versus \$45 out of the \$100. So, now that it is 83% which is going to expire in this fiscal year if this public health emergency doesn't get extended it'll expire. But right now, it is at 89.2 because of the public health emergency. So, you take 89% of a \$100 that will be \$89 and that will be \$11 is what the local will pay.

Senator Telen Cruz Nelson, Author: So, what is the overall cost of the 55% and then now the 83%. What is the difference in the overall cost?

Teresita Gumataotao, Administrator of DPHSS Bureau of Healthcare and Financing: It went to 83% to 89.2% so, you're asking the 89% of the total expenditure?

Senator Telen Cruz Nelson, Author: Yes.

Teresita Gumataotao, Administrator of DPHSS Bureau of Healthcare and Financing: Okay, for 2021, \$103,677,060.72 that's total computable. So, right now, on the 89.2% federal and 10.8% local total computable is \$66,280,174.29 add that the federal share \$59,121,915.46 versus the local is \$7,158,258.82. And this \$7 Million is 10.8% local.

Senator Telen Cruz Nelson, Author: And so, the additional 7.2% because the original H.R. 4406, seeks to increase to 83% or keeping 83% as a standard of the upcoming years and the additional 7% is the reason is currently because we're in a pandemic, is that correct?

Teresita Gumataotao, Administrator of DPHSS Bureau of Healthcare and Financing: 6.2%

Senator Telen Cruz Nelson, Author: 6.2%. Okay, thank you very much. I really want to thank you for coming and I know we started at 5:00 and we had to beat the traffic and thank you for spending you extra time and for providing the community with this input. And also, the hard work you and your team have done throughout this pandemic. So, thank you very much. The community and us owe you a debt of gratitude for keeping us safe with the unknowns and the uncertainty of the last year. So, thank you very much for all that you do and your team.

If there are no questions or comments or further questions or comments. We'll go ahead and adjourn this Public Hearing. It is 5:32 p.m. Thank you very much and have a good day. God bless.

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 5:32 P.M.










III. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Senator Telen Cruz Nelson hereby reports out Resolution No. 130-36 (COR), "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", with the recommendation to do adopt.

I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LEHISLATURA GUÁHAN
2021 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 130-36 (COR)

Introduced by:

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- 1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I***
- 2 ***MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LEHISLATURA GUÁHAN*:**
- 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 *Liheislaturan 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 Kilili 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**
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34 **THERESE M. TERLAJE**
35 **Speaker**

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

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39 **AMANDA L. SHELTON**
40 **Legislative Secretary**

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(Original Signature of Member)

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R.

To amend titles XI and XIX of the Social Security Act to provide increased financial support to the territories under the Medicaid program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. SOTO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on

A BILL

To amend titles XI and XIX of the Social Security Act to provide increased financial support to the territories under the Medicaid program, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Supporting Medicaid
5 in the U.S. Territories Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENDING THE INCREASED FEDERAL MEDICAL**
2 **ASSISTANCE PERCENTAGE AND CAP**
3 **AMOUNTS FOR TERRITORIES.**

4 (a) **FEDERAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PERCENTAGE**
5 **EXTENSION.**—

6 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1905(ff) of the So-
7 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(ff)) is amend-
8 ed—

9 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “2021”
10 and inserting “2026”; and

11 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “2021”
12 and inserting “2029”.

13 (2) **ENSURING PROGRAM INTEGRITY.**—Section
14 1108(g) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
15 1308(g)) is amended—

16 (A) in paragraph (7)(B)(i), in the matter
17 preceding subclause (I), by striking “2021” and
18 inserting “2026”; and

19 (B) in paragraph (8)(B), by striking
20 “2021” and inserting “2026”.

21 (b) **CAP AMOUNT EXTENSION.**—

22 (1) **PUERTO RICO.**—

23 (A) **ENSURING INCREASED CAP AMOUNT IN**
24 **RESPONSE TO COVID-19.**—Section 1108(g) of
25 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1308(g)) is
26 amended—

1 (i) in paragraph (2)(A)(ii), by striking
2 “2021” and inserting “2026”; and
3 (ii) in paragraph (6)—
4 (I) in the header, by striking
5 “2021” and inserting “2026”;
6 (II) in subparagraph (A)—
7 (aa) in clause (i), by striking
8 “and” at the end; and
9 (bb) in clause (ii)—
10 (AA) by striking “fiscal
11 year 2021” and inserting
12 “each of fiscal years 2021
13 and 2022”; and
14 (BB) by striking the
15 period and inserting “;
16 and”; and
17 (III) in subparagraph (B)—
18 (aa) in clause (i), by striking
19 “2021” and inserting “2026”;
20 and
21 (bb) in clause (ii)(II), by
22 striking “2021” and inserting
23 “2026”.

24 (B) EXTENSION OF CAP AMOUNT FOR
25 OTHER YEARS.—Section 1108(g)(6)(A) of the

1 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1308(g)), as
2 amended by subparagraph (A), is further
3 amended by adding at the end the following
4 new clause:

5 “(iii) for each of fiscal years 2023
6 through 2026, \$2,719,072,000.”.

7 (2) OTHER TERRITORIES.—

8 (A) ENSURING INCREASED CAP AMOUNTS
9 IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19.—Section
10 1108(g)(2) of the Social Security Act (42
11 U.S.C. 1308(g)(2)) is amended in each of sub-
12 paragraphs (B)(iii), (C)(iii), (D)(iii), and
13 (E)(iii), by striking “fiscal year 2021” and in-
14 serting “each of fiscal years 2021 and 2022”.

15 (B) EXTENSION OF CAP AMOUNTS FOR
16 OTHER YEARS.—Section 1108(g)(2) of the So-
17 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1308(g)(2)) is
18 amended—

19 (i) in subparagraph (B)—

20 (I) in clause (i), by striking
21 “clause (ii)” and inserting “clauses
22 (ii) through (iv)”;

23 (II) in clause (ii), by striking
24 “and” at the end;

1 (III) in clause (iii), by adding

2 “and” at the end; and

3 (IV) by adding at the end the fol-

4 lowing new clause:

5 “(iv) for each of fiscal years 2023

6 through 2029, \$126,000,000;”;

7 (ii) in subparagraph (C)—

8 (I) in clause (i), by striking

9 “clause (ii)” and inserting “clauses

10 (ii) through (iv)”;

11 (II) in clause (ii), by striking

12 “and” at the end;

13 (III) in clause (iii), by adding

14 “and” at the end; and

15 (IV) by adding at the end the fol-

16 lowing new clause:

17 “(iv) for each of fiscal years 2023

18 through 2029, \$127,000,000;”;

19 (iii) in subparagraph (D)—

20 (I) in clause (i), by striking

21 “clause (ii)” and inserting “clauses

22 (ii) through (iv)”;

23 (II) in clause (ii), by striking

24 “and” at the end;

1 (III) in clause (iii), by adding

2 “and” at the end; and

3 (IV) by adding at the end the fol-

4 lowing new clause:

5 “(iv) for each of fiscal years 2023

6 through 2029, \$60,000,000; and”; and

7 (iv) in subparagraph (E)—

8 (I) in clause (i), by striking

9 “clause (ii)” and inserting “clauses

10 (ii) through (iv)”;

11 (II) in clause (ii), by striking

12 “and” at the end;

13 (III) in clause (iii), by adding

14 “and” at the end; and

15 (IV) by adding at the end the fol-

16 lowing new clause:

17 “(iv) for each of fiscal years 2023

18 through 2029, \$84,000,000.”.

19 (3) MODIFICATION OF SPECIAL RULE FOR CAL-

20 CULATION OF CAP AMOUNTS FOR CERTAIN YEARS.—

21 Section 1108(g)(2) of the Social Security Act (42

22 U.S.C. 1308(g)(2)) is amended, in the matter fol-

23 lowing subparagraph (E)—

1 (A) by striking “fiscal year 2021” and in-
2 serting “fiscal year 2029 (or, in the case of
3 Puerto Rico, fiscal year 2026)”;

4 (B) by striking “through 2021” and in-
5 serting “through 2029 (or, in the case of Puer-
6 to Rico, 2026)”;

7 (C) by striking “each such subparagraph”
8 and inserting “subparagraph (A) and any of
9 clauses (ii) through (iv) of subparagraphs (B)
10 through (E)”.

11 (c) APPLICATION OF ASSET VERIFICATION PROGRAM
12 REQUIREMENTS TO PUERTO RICO.—Section 1940 of the
13 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396w) is amended—

14 (1) in subsection (a)—

15 (A) in paragraph (3)(A), by adding at the
16 end the following new clause:

17 “(iii) IMPLEMENTATION IN PUERTO
18 RICO.—The Secretary shall require Puerto
19 Rico to implement an asset verification
20 program under this subsection by the end
21 of fiscal year 2024.”; and

22 (B) in paragraph (4)—

23 (i) in the paragraph heading, by strik-
24 ing “EXEMPTION OF TERRITORIES” and

1 inserting “EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN TERRI-
2 TORIES”; and

3 (ii) by striking “and the District of
4 Columbia” and inserting “, the District of
5 Columbia, and Puerto Rico”; and

6 (2) in subsection (k)—

7 (A) in paragraph (1)—

8 (i) by redesignating subparagraphs
9 (A) through (D) as clauses (i) through
10 (iv), respectively, and adjusting the mar-
11 gins accordingly;

12 (ii) in the matter preceding clause (i),
13 as so redesignated—

14 (I) by striking “beginning on or
15 after January 1, 2021”; and

16 (II) by striking “for a non-com-
17 pliant State shall be reduced—” and
18 inserting the following: “for—

19 “(A) a non-compliant State that is one of
20 the 50 States or the District of Columbia shall
21 be reduced—”;

22 (iii) in clause (iv), as so redesignated,
23 by striking the period at the end and in-
24 serting “; and”; and

1 (iv) by adding at the end the following
2 new subparagraph:

3 “(B) a non-compliant State that is Puerto
4 Rico shall be reduced—

5 “(i) for calendar quarters in fiscal
6 years 2025 and 2026, by 0.12 percentage
7 points;

8 “(ii) for calendar quarters in fiscal
9 year 2027, by 0.25 percentage points;

10 “(iii) for calendar quarters in fiscal
11 year 2028, by 0.35 percentage points; and

12 “(iv) for calendar quarters in fiscal
13 year 2029 and each fiscal year thereafter,
14 by 0.5 percentage points.”; and

15 (B) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “or
16 the District of Columbia” and inserting “the
17 District of Columbia, or Puerto Rico”.

18 (d) EXTENSION OF REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—
19 Section 1108(g)(9) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
20 1308(g)(9)) is amended—

21 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “2021”
22 and inserting “2029”; and

23 (2) in subparagraph (B)(i), by inserting “or by
24 reason of the amendments made by section 2 of the

1 Supporting Medicaid in the U.S. Territories Act of
2 2021” before the period at the end.

3 (e) PUERTO RICO PROGRAM INTEGRITY.—Section
4 1108(g)(7)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
5 1308(g)(7)(A)) is amended—

6 (1) in clause (iii), in the header, by inserting
7 “REPORTING” after “REFORM”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following new
9 clauses:

10 “(v) CORE SET REPORTING COMPLI-
11 ANCE REPORT.—Not later than October 1,
12 2022, Puerto Rico shall submit to the
13 Chair and Ranking Member of the Com-
14 mittee on Energy and Commerce of the
15 House of Representatives and the Chair
16 and Ranking Member of the Committee on
17 Finance of the Senate a report outlining
18 steps being taken by Puerto Rico to reach
19 compliance with the reporting requirements
20 described in section 1139A(a)(4)(B) and
21 section 1139B(b)(5)(C) and describing
22 what further actions are needed by Puerto
23 Rico in order to comply with such require-
24 ments with respect to annual State reports
25 under section 1139A(c) and State reports

1 under section 1139B(d)(1) beginning with
2 fiscal year 2024.

3 “(vi) CONTRACTING AND PROCURE-
4 MENT OVERSIGHT LEAD REQUIREMENT.—

5 “(I) IN GENERAL.—Not later
6 than 6 months after the date of the
7 enactment of this clause, the agency
8 responsible for the administration of
9 Puerto Rico’s Medicaid program
10 under title XIX shall designate an of-
11 ficer (other than the director of such
12 agency) to serve as the Contracting
13 and Procurement Oversight Lead to
14 carry out the duties specified in sub-
15 clause (II).

16 “(II) DUTIES.—Not later than
17 60 days after the end of each fiscal
18 quarter (beginning with the first fiscal
19 quarter beginning on or after the date
20 that is 1 year after the date of the en-
21 actment of this clause), the officer
22 designated pursuant to subclause (I)
23 shall, with respect to each contract
24 described in clause (iii) with an an-
25 nual value exceeding \$150,000 en-

1 tered into during such quarter, certify
2 to the Secretary either—

3 “(aa) that such contract has
4 met the procurement standards
5 identified under any of sections
6 75.327, 75.328, and 75.329 of
7 title 45, Code of Federal Regula-
8 tions (or successor regulations);
9 or

10 “(bb) that extenuating cir-
11 cumstances (including a lack of
12 multiple entities competing for
13 such contract) prevented the
14 compliance of such contract with
15 such standards.

16 “(III) PUBLICATION.—The offi-
17 cer designated pursuant to subclause
18 (I) shall make public each certification
19 containing extenuating circumstances
20 described in subclause (II)(bb) not
21 later than 30 days after such certifi-
22 cation is made, including a description
23 of, and justification of, such extenu-
24 ating circumstances.

1 “(IV) REVIEW OF COMPLI-
2 ANCE.—Not later than 2 years after
3 the date of the enactment of this
4 clause, the Inspector General of the
5 Department of Health and Human
6 Services shall submit to Congress a
7 report on the compliance of Puerto
8 Rico with the provisions of this
9 clause.”.