

***I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**RESOLUTIONS**

<b>Resolution No.</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date Intro</b>	<b>Date of Presentation</b>
33-35 (COR)	Therese M. Terlaje	Relative to recognizing and commending the Fiscal Department of the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority for achieving the long sought after approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for an updated base rate for Medicare patient reimbursements; and to further extending a warm and sincere <i>Un Dángkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'</i> for their hard work and commitment to providing quality patient care to the people of Guam.	2/8/19 5:10 p.m.	2/14/19 2:00 p.m.


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1           **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I**  
2 ***MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:***

3           **WHEREAS**, for years, the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority's (GMHA)  
4 efforts to "rebase" (set a new base level) for Medicare reimbursement rates approved  
5 by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) have been an on-going  
6 challenge. CMS had continuously denied efforts, citing GMHA's inability to support  
7 its request; and

8           **WHEREAS**, the rebasing process evaluates how average costs have changed  
9 from the rate base year to the present date, while also accounting for inflation. Rebasing  
10 would allow GMHA to be reimbursed for treating patients under Medicare, at a rate that  
11 reflects the present cost of medical care; and

1           **WHEREAS**, the continuous denial by CMS to adjust GMHA patient rates  
2 resulted in reimbursement based on averages from 1998, resulting in years of  
3 underfunding GMHA compensation for patient care; and

4           **WHEREAS**, convincing CMS to increase the Medicare base rate has been a  
5 longstanding priority and goal for many past Board of Trustees members, former  
6 Administrators, Chief Financial Officers, management and staff of GMHA; and

7           **WHEREAS**, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Benita Mangloña of GMHA since  
8 2015 took the lead in GMHA’s decade-long effort to achieve “rebased” patient rates by  
9 working closely with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS); and

10          **WHEREAS**, on January 12, 2019 CMS finally approved the request for a  
11 updated base rate for Medicare patient reimbursements and agreed to make the higher  
12 base rate effective on October 1, 2013, through the end of fiscal year 2016. GMHA rates  
13 will now be equal to that of other similarly sized U.S. hospitals; and

14          **WHEREAS**, the new base rate increased GMHA discharge rates from \$5,100 to  
15 \$9,500 per discharge, for fiscal years 2014 through 2016. GMHA has received \$6.3  
16 million dollars in back payments for the higher rate thus far and expects to receive at  
17 least \$4 million more for fiscal years 2017 and 2018; and

18          **WHEREAS**, the decision by CMS to “rebase” the patient care rates for the Guam  
19 Memorial Hospital Authority is a substantial victory and GMHA’s relentless dedication  
20 to this daunting task will ensure that moving forward, millions of dollars in much  
21 needed revenue will be safeguarded for Guam’s only public civilian hospital.

22          **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Singko Na*  
23 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people  
24 of Guam, recognize and commend the Fiscal Department of the Guam Memorial  
25 Hospital Authority for achieving the long sought after approval from the Centers for  
26 Medicare and Medicaid Services for an updated base rate for Medicare patient

1 reimbursements; and to further extending a warm and sincere *Un Dángkolo Na Si Yu'os*  
2 *Ma'åse'* for their hard work and commitment to providing quality patient care to the  
3 people of Guam; and be it further

4 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules  
5 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of  
6 the same be thereafter transmitted to GMHA Acting Director Lillian Perez-Posadas;  
7 GMHA Chief Financial Officer Benita Mangloña; the GMHA Board of Trustees; and  
8 to the Honorable Lourdes Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF  
I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 14<sup>th</sup> DAY  
OF FEBRUARY 2019.**

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**TINA ROSE MUÑA-BARNES**  
Speaker

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**RÉGINE BISCOE LEE**  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

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**AMANDA L. SHELTON**  
Legislative Secretary