

*I Mina'Trentai Kuáttro Na Liheslaturan*  
**BILL STATUS**

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	FISCAL NOTES	NOTES
30-34 (COR) As corrected by the Prime Sponsor.	Dennis G. Rodriguez Joe S. San Agustin	AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT § 1103 AND TO ADD NEW §§ 1103.1 AND 1103.2, ALL OF CHAPTER 1, DIVISION 1, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE MEDICAL REFERRAL ASSISTANCE OFFICE.	2/27/17 10:15 a.m.	3/20/17	Committee on Appropriations and Adjudication	5/18/17 9:00 a.m.	5/23/17 2:39 p.m.	Fiscal Note Request 3/20/17	
			AS CORRECTED 3/15/17 1:19 p.m.	Re-referred: 4/5/17	Re-referred Committee: Committee on Health, Tourism, Military Affairs and Senior Citizens		Fiscal Note 3/30/17		
	SESSION DATE	TITLE	DATE PASSED	TRANSMITTED	DUE DATE	PUBLIC LAW	DATE SIGNED	NOTES	
6/26/17	AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT § 1103 AND TO ADD NEW §§ 1103.1 AND 1103.2, ALL OF CHAPTER 1, DIVISION 1, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE MEDICAL REFERRAL ASSISTANCE OFFICE.	6/30/17	7/3/17 2:10 p.m.	7/14/17	Public Law No. 34-21	7/13/2017	Received: 7/14/17 Mess and Comm. Doc. No. 34GL-17-0726		



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GL# 3417-726  
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Honorable Benjamin J.F. Cruz  
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Dear Mr. Speaker:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 30-34 (COR), "AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT § 1103 AND TO ADD NEW §§ 1103.1 AND 1103.2, ALL OF CHAPTER 1, DIVISION 1, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE MEDICAL REFERRAL ASSISTANCE OFFICE," which was signed into law on July 13, 2017, as Public Law 34-21.

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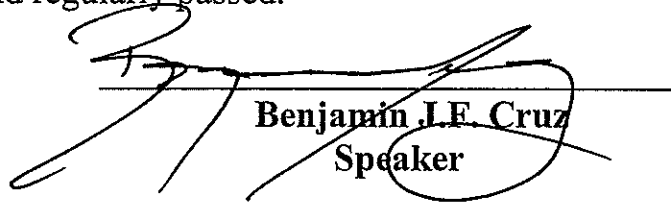
  
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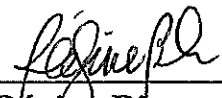
*I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN*  
2017 (FIRST) Regular Session

**CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'LÁHEN GUÁHAN**

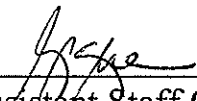
This is to certify that **Bill No. 30-34 (COR)**, "AN ACT TO *REPEAL AND REENACT* § 1103 AND TO *ADD NEW* §§ 1103.1 AND 1103.2, ALL OF CHAPTER 1, DIVISION 1, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE MEDICAL REFERRAL ASSISTANCE OFFICE," was on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June 2017, duly and regularly passed.

  
Benjamin J.E. Cruz  
Speaker

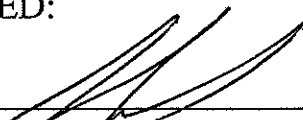
Attested:

  
Régine Biscoe Lee  
Legislative Secretary

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This Act was received by *I Maga'láhen Guáhan* this 03 day of July,  
2017, at 2:10 o'clock P.M.

  
Assistant Staff Officer  
*Maga'láhi's Office*

APPROVED:

  
EDWARD J.B. CALVO  
*I Maga'láhen Guáhan*

Date: JUL 13 2017

Public Law No. 34-21

***I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2017 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Bill No. 30-34 (COR)**

As corrected by the Prime Sponsor.

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT TO *REPEAL* AND *REENACT* § 1103 AND TO  
*ADD* NEW §§ 1103.1 AND 1103.2, ALL OF CHAPTER 1,  
DIVISION 1, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED,  
RELATIVE TO THE MEDICAL REFERRAL  
ASSISTANCE OFFICE.**

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
3 recognizes that the provision of assistance to Guam residents in seeking medically  
4 necessary off-island health care is needed and valuable to successful health quality  
5 outcomes.

1            *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the services provided by the Medical  
2 Referral Assistance Office contract have evolved and many of the referral hospitals,  
3 insurance companies, and local not-for-profits are currently providing these services  
4 free of charge. Besides the obvious duplication of services, the government of Guam  
5 contracted services are no longer wholly needed and are needlessly costing the  
6 government.

7            *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, however, finds that not all residents can partake in the  
8 free services currently available given their individual circumstances or eligibility,  
9 and thus the Medical Referral Assistance Office’s assistance function is still needed.

10           The intent of this Act is to provide a mechanism for the Medical Referral  
11 Assistance Office to streamline operations, maintain high quality referral assistance,  
12 and enhance cost savings. The FY 2016 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report found that the average cost  
13 per patient per quarter to the Philippines was Four Hundred Seven Dollars and  
14 Fifteen Cents (\$407.15); Los Angeles averaged Six Hundred Ninety-three Dollars  
15 and Fifty-two Cents (\$693.52); and Honolulu averaged Seven Hundred Twelve  
16 Dollars and Sixty-eight Cents (\$712.68).

17           Therefore, in an effort to improve and maximize the services of the medical  
18 assistance provided to residents seeking care off-island, it is the intent of *I*  
19 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* to change the criteria for eligibility and benefit coverage of  
20 referral services to reflect current constraints and opportunities.

21           **Section 2.** § 1103 of Chapter 1, Division 1, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated,  
22 is hereby *repealed* and *reenacted* to read:

23           “§ 1103.    **Medical Referral Assistance Office.** There is created the  
24 Medical Referral Assistance Office (MRAO) within the Office of *I*  
25 *Maga'låhen Guåhan* (the Governor of Guam). The MRAO *shall* assist  
26 residents of Guam in coordinating appropriate medical appointments, as well  
27 as coordinating temporary housing and transportation.”

1           **Section 3.** A new § 1103.1 is *added* to Chapter 1, Division 1, Title 10, Guam  
2 Code Annotated, to read:

3                   **“§ 1103.1. Provision of Assistance.**

4                   (a) The MRAO *shall* develop an eligibility algorithm that will apply  
5 to those benefits a resident seeking off-island medical care qualifies for.  
6 Residents with commercial health insurance benefits that cover transportation  
7 and lodging fees are not eligible for direct assistance from the MRAO. They  
8 may, however, qualify for education and coordination assistance.

9                   (b) The MRAO *shall* develop a Health Insurance Portability and  
10 Accountability Act (HIPAA) compliant quality improvement program that  
11 will consist, at a minimum, of tracking patient issues and resolutions, and a  
12 patient satisfaction survey that *shall* be offered to each patient serviced. The  
13 MRAO or contracted not-for-profit provider *shall* provide each patient with a  
14 brochure explaining the program, and contact information. The MRAO or  
15 contracted not-for-profit provider *shall* also provide appropriate information  
16 of the destination medical facility, transportation organization, lodging  
17 facility, and the surrounding area.

18                   (c) The MRAO *shall* develop and maintain reports that include the  
19 number of referred patients served, the number of patient escorts or  
20 accompanying family members served, and the average cost per patient  
21 referral. The MRAO *shall* also maintain a monthly report containing the  
22 following information:

- 23                               (1) name of patient;  
24                               (2) gender and age of patient;  
25                               (3) date of referral;  
26                               (4) date assisted;  
27                               (5) name of accepting medical facility;

- (6) insurance provider;
- (7) number of escorts/family members;
- (8) departure date; and
- (9) service rendered.

(d) In providing assistance to Guam residents, the MRAO *shall*, to the greatest extent practicable, coordinate with existing services provided by insurance carriers, referring facilities, and local not-for-profit organizations. These services are provided free of charge, and as such may only require verification of availability and notice of services to the resident utilizing the service.

(e) For those residents who are not eligible for existing services provided by health insurance companies, referring facilities, or local not-for-profits, the MRAO may:

- (1) develop a request for proposal to provide assistance services from a duly registered Guam-based not-for-profit organization that can provide such services, including coordination of appointments, transportation, and lodging. This proposal *shall* use a voucher type system to provide direct services to residents seeking off-island care. The contracted not-for-profit *shall*, to the greatest extent possible, coordinate with existing services provided by insurance carriers and referring facilities for the provision of transportation and lodging services. A limit of fifteen percent (15%) of the negotiated proposal is set for administrative overhead of such proposal; and

- (2) provide services through the development of memoranda of understanding or individual contracts with required off-island transportation and lodging organizations to provide transportation and lodging services. The MRAO *shall* develop internal assistance policies

1 and procedures to guide the operation of the office. This function *shall*  
2 reside within the Guam-based MRAO and is subject to the fifteen  
3 percent (15%) administrative overhead of the approved budgeted  
4 amount appropriated in the Governor's budget submission for the  
5 office."

6 **Section 4.** A new § 1103.2 is *added* to Chapter 1 of Division 1, Title 10,  
7 Guam Code Annotated, to read:

8 **"§ 1103.2. Term of Assistance.**

9 (a) The MRAO is authorized to contract with a duly registered  
10 Guam-based not-for-profit for assistance services provided pursuant to §  
11 1103.1(e) of this Chapter. The term of said contract *shall* be set for five (5)  
12 years, with annual renewal, subject to availability of funds.

13 (b) If the MRAO chooses to provide assistance services "in-house,"  
14 the funding for the provision of such services is subject to the budgeted fifteen  
15 percent (15%) administrative overhead (salary, equipment, supplies, etcetera),  
16 and is subject to the availability of funds on an annual basis."

17 **Section 5. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any  
18 person or circumstance is found to be invalid, or contrary to law, such invalidity  
19 *shall not* affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect  
20 without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
21 Act are severable.

22 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This Act *shall* become effective upon  
23 enactment; provided, however, that no government of Guam funding is authorized  
24 that does not follow the provisions and methodologies provided pursuant to this Act.