



TWENTY-SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 23, 2021

To: Honorable Speaker Edmund S. Villagomez

From: Rep. Christina Sablan, Health and Welfare Chair

CC: House Members
House Legislative Staff
Media

RE: Notice of Public Meeting on April 30, 2021 – Presentation on Universal Health Insurance in the CNMI; Presentation on a Proposed Prescription Drug Monitoring Program; and Review of Referred Legislation (HB 22-14, HB 22-15, HB 22-23, HB 22-26, and SB 22-40)

This is to announce that the Committee on Health and Welfare will be holding a public meeting on **Friday, April 30, 2021, starting at 9:00 AM in the House Chamber**. The agenda is included herein.

The purpose of this meeting is to receive presentations from the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation on universal health coverage options for the CNMI, as well as CHCC's prescription drug monitoring program. The Committee will also deliberate on and/or mark-up the following bills referred for review: HB 22-14, HB 22-15, HB 22-23, HB 22-26 and SB 22-40.

All interested persons are welcome to submit comments on any of the items listed on the agenda.



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Meeting Date: April 30, 2021
Meeting Time: 9:00 AM
Venue: House Chamber

AGENDA

A. Call to Order

B. Adoption of Agenda

C. Adoption of Meeting Minutes

1. February 12, 2021
2. February 26, 2021

D. Public Comments

E. Legislation for Review/Mark-up

- 1. House Bill 22-26, to remove the limitation of terms for members to serve on the Health Care Professions Licensing Board; and for other purposes.*
- 2. Senate Bill 22-40, to protect the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands from per and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Contamination.*
- 3. House Bill 22-23, to enact provisions regarding confinement of dogs, enforcement authority to the office of the mayor for each senatorial district, and fines for registered pet owners who fail to secure their dogs; and for other purposes.*
- 4. House Bill 22-15, to establish the Foster Care Sponsorship program within the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Division of Youth Services; and for other purposes.*
- 5. House Bill 22-14, to establish the Department of Corrections Mental Health Unit; and for other purposes.*

F. Presentations

1. *Universal Health Insurance in the CNMI*
Ms. Esther Muna, CEO, Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation

2. *CNMI Prescription Drug Monitoring Program*
Ms. Eleanor Cabrera, Overdose Data-to-Action Manager, CHCC

G. Miscellaneous

H. Announcements

1. Schedule of Public Hearings on the Medical Referral Program

I. Adjournment

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