



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
22<sup>nd</sup> NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE  
P.O. BOX 500586, SAIPAN, MP 96950

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

DATE: May 20, 2021  
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The Committee on Health and Welfare will conduct a public hearing on **Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 3:30 p.m., in the House Chamber.**

The purpose of this hearing is to review the Commonwealth's Medical Referral Program, including interisland medical referrals, in order to examine how the program can be reformed to enhance services, streamline costs, and improve accountability. The Committee will receive testimony from invited government witnesses and welcomes oral and/or written testimony from any and all interested persons including patients, caregivers, healthcare providers, and other community partners. The Committee will also accept comments on a proposal to transfer the off-island Medical Referral Program from the Governor's Office to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation.

The agenda for the public hearing is enclosed with this notice.

The following witnesses are requested to be present and provide oral and written testimony at the public hearing:

1. *Ms. Esther Muna, CEO, Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation*
2. *Mr. David Atalig, Secretary of Finance*
3. *Ms. Margaret Bertha Torres, Finance Director of Administrative Services*
4. *Ms. Mathilda Rosario, Special Assistant for Administration*
5. *Ms. Helen Sablan, Medicaid Director*

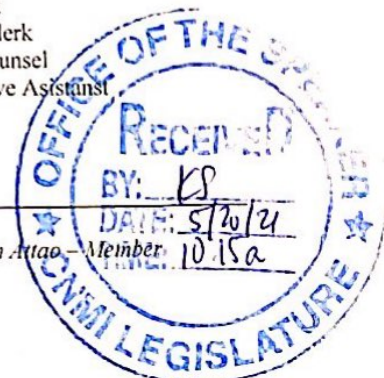
Members of the general public are encouraged to attend and submit oral and/or written testimony. Oral comments should be limited to 3 minutes or less; longer statements may be submitted to the Committee in writing. For more information about this public hearing, please contact the Office of the Chair, Representative Christina Sablan at (670) 664-8829 or [rep.sablanc@cnmileg.net](mailto:rep.sablanc@cnmileg.net).

Thank you.

Representative Christina Sablan

cc: Members, Health and Welfare  
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**COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE**

Public Hearing Date: May 26, 2021  
Public Hearing Time: 3:30 PM  
Venue: House Chamber

**AGENDA**

**A. Call to Order**

**B. Adoption of Agenda**

**C. Introduction**

*1. Opening Statement of the Chair*

**D. Invited Testimonies**

- 1. Ms. Esther Muna, CEO, Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation*
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**E. Public Comments**

**F. Announcements**

**G. Adjournment**