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CERTIFICATION OF RULES REGARDING INCREASE HOSPITAL
MEDICAL SERVICE FEES

I, Dr. Jose L. Chong, the Director of the Department of Public Health and Environmental Services, which is promulgating the Rules regarding Hospital Medical Service Fees published in the Commonwealth Register on January 15, 1992 at pages 8666 to 8737, by signature below hereby certify that such Rules are a true, complete, and correct copy of the Rules regarding Increased Hospital Medical Service Fees formally adopted by the Department of Public Health and Environmental Services. I further request and direct that this Certification be published in the Commonwealth Register and then be attached by both the Office of the Registrar of the Corporations and Office of the Governor to the Rules Regarding Increased Hospital Medical Service Fees referenced above.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on the 17th day of February, 1992 at Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]
Dr. Jose L. Chong, Director
Department of Public Health and
Environmental Services

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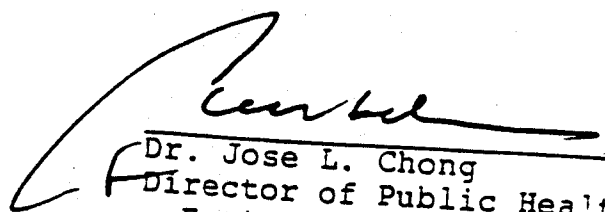
ADOPTION OF THE AMENDMENT ON HOSPITAL MEDICAL SERVICE FEES
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

In accordance with Public Law 1-8, Chapter 12, Section 4, the Department of Public Health and Environmental Services (DPH&ES) has the authority to adopt rules and regulations it may deem necessary in all matters over which it has jurisdiction. The Director of the Department has the responsibility to promulgate and implement these rules and regulations.

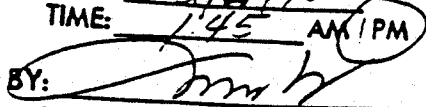
In accordance with this authority, the Director adopted the amended Hospital Fee Schedule for the provision of medical services. It is the intent of the Department to establish and amend fees with full public knowledge and consideration. The Department has adopted and established the following service fees:

- A. Medical Services
 - a. Professional Services
 - b. Respiratory Therapy
 - c. Physical Therapy
- B. Surgical and Anesthesia Services
- C. Maternity Care and Delivery Services
- D. Laboratory and Pathology Services
- E. Radiology Services
- F. Room and Board and Other Fees
- G. Dental Services

Copies of the adopted Fee Schedule may be obtained from the Director's Office at the Commonwealth Health Center.


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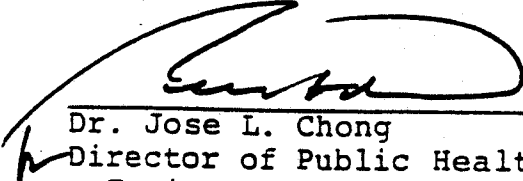
DEPATTAMENTON I HINEMLO YAN I SETBISION ENVIRONMENTAL

Sigun gi Lai Publiku 1-8, Kapitulu 2, Seksiona 4, i Depattamenton i Public Health yan i Environmental Services (DPH&ES), guaha atoridad-na na para ufama' tinas areklamento siha ni man nisisario gi para i mina'lek i Depattamento. I Direktod, guaha fuetsa-na na para hu cho'gue este siha na areklamento.

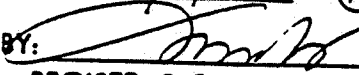
Sigun gi sinangan yan i atoridad, I Direktod ha adapta na para humaenda probinsion i apas i setbision mediku. I Depattamento ha adapta para hu tulaika osino ha establesi i apas para i sigiente siha na setbisio:

- A. Setbision Mediku Siha
 - a. Professinat Na Setbisio
 - b. Respiratory Therapy
 - c. Physical Therapy
- B. Setbision Operation siha
- C. Ma Atienden i man managu yan man mapotge' siha
- D. Setbision Laboratorio
- E. Setbision Radiology siha
- F. Kuatto, nengkano yan otro siha na apas
- G. Dental Services

I kopian este na amendasion, sina ma'chu'le ginen i ufusinan i Direktod gi Commonwealth Health Center.


Dr. Jose L. Chong
Director of Public Health and
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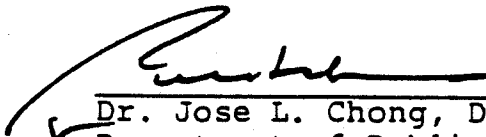
Adaptaal Lliiwelil Alleghul Espitood Reel Abwossul Medical Service Bwulasiyool Public Health Me Environmental Services.

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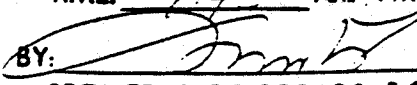
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- A. Medico me akkaaw alillis
 - a. Professional me akkaaw alillis
 - b. Respiratory Therapy
 - c. Physical Therapy
- B. Alillisil tittil me anesthesia
- C. Ammweler mal bwoobwo me mal lailai
- D. Alillisil Laboratorio me Pathology
- E. Alillisil Radiology
- F. Kuation, mungo me akkaaw alillis
- G. Dental Serives

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PROPOSED FEE
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DEFINITIONS AND ITEMS OF COMMONALITY

The descriptive terms and numerical identifying codes for medical services and procedures used in the Proposed Fee Schedule are based on Current Procedural Terminology, Fourth Edition (CPT-4).

Terms and phrases common to the practice of medicine that are used in Proposed Fee are defined as follows:

Current Procedural Terminology (CPT): Is a listing of descriptive terms and identifying codes for reporting medical services and procedures performed by physicians. The purpose of the terminology is to provide a uniform language that will accurately describe medical, surgical, and diagnostic services, and will thereby provide an effective means for reliable nationwide communication among physicians, patients, and third parties. CPT 1990 is the most recent revision of the book.

New Patient: A patient who is new to the physicians and whose medical and administrative records need to be established.

Established Patient: A patient whose medical and administrative records are available to the physician. The designation of new or established patient does not preclude the use of specific level of service.

Levels of Service: Examinations, evaluations, treatment, conferences with or concerning patients, preventive pediatric and adult health supervision, and similar medical services necessitate the wide variations in skill, effort, time, responsibility and medical knowledge required for prevention or diagnostic and treatment of illness and the promotion of optimal health. Each level of service may be used by all physicians. Six levels are recognized:

Minimal Level of Service: A level of service supervised by a physician but not necessarily requiring his presence. For example, injections, minimal dressings, removal of sutures, etc.

Brief Level of Service: A level of service pertaining to the evaluation and treatment of a condition requiring only an abbreviated history and examination. For example, acute tonsillitis, minor trauma, review of recent X-ray report, etc.

Limited Level of Service: A level of service pertaining to the evaluation of a circumscribed acute illness or to the periodic reevaluation of a problem including an interval history and examination, the review of effectiveness of past medical management, the ordering and evaluation of appropriate diagnostic tests, the adjustment of therapeutic management as indicated, and the discussion of findings and/or medical management.

For example: treatment of acute respiratory infection; review of interval history; physical status and control of diabetic patient; review of recent history, determination of blood pressure; etc.

Intermediate Level of Service: (A complete history and physical examination of one or more organ systems, but not requiring a comprehensive evaluation of the patient as a whole.)

A level of service pertaining to the evaluation of a new or existing condition complicated with a new diagnostic or management problem not necessarily relating to the primary diagnostic that necessitates the obtaining and evaluation of pertinent history and physical or mental status findings, diagnostic tests and procedures, and the ordering of appropriate therapeutic management; or a formal patient, family, or hospital staff conference regarding patient medical management and progress.

For example: evaluation of a patient with arteriosclerotic heart disease; review of interval history, reexamination of musculoskeletal systems; conference with patient and/or family to review studies, hospital course, and findings; etc.

Extended Level of Service: A level of service requiring an unusual amount of effort or judgement including a detailed history, review of medical records, examination, and a formal conference with the patient, family or staff; or a comparable medical diagnostic and/or therapeutic service; but necessitating a complete examination or reexamination of the patient as a whole.

For example: Reexamination of neurological findings; review of results of diagnostic evaluation; reevaluation of a psychotic delusional patient; etc.

Comprehensive Level of Service: (A complete evaluation of the patient.)

A level of service providing an in-depth evaluation of a

patient with a new or existing problem requiring the development or complete reevaluation of medical data. This procedure includes the recording of a chief complaint(s), and present illness, family history, past medical history, personal history, system review, a complete physical examination, and the ordering of appropriate diagnostic tests and procedures.

Inpatient Hospital Care:

Initial Hospital Inpatient Care(90200): Signifies a level of service for a condition involving variables for which neither comprehensive or intermediate initial hospital care services are appropriate. This procedure includes documentations of the indication for inpatient medical care, abbreviated history, pertinent examination and a plan of investigation and/or medical management.

Intermediate Initial Hospital Care(90215): A service involving the evaluation or re-evaluation of a patient with an acute or active problem(s) that require hospitalization. This procedure includes the recording of the chief complaint, present illness or current medical history, and an appropriate physical examination related to the acute or active problem in a patient who has had a previously documented evaluation that is current and available to the physician, and the ordering of appropriate medical diagnostic tests and procedures.

Comprehensive Initial Hospital Inpatient Care(90220): see Comprehensive Level of Service Definition.

Hospital Discharge Day Management: Preparation of patient for discharge and preparation of discharge records.

Referral: A referral is the transfer of the total or specific care of a patient from one physician to another and does not constitute a consultation. Initial evaluation and subsequent services are designated as listed in Levels of Service.

Consultation: Includes services rendered by a physician whose opinion or advice is requested by a physician or other appropriate source for the further evaluation and/or management of the patient. A consultant initiates diagnostic or therapeutic services at the request of the attending physicians. The consultant must document that he has recommended a course of action to the attending physician and is initiating treatment at his request. When the consulting physician assumes responsibility for the continuing care of the patient, any subsequent services rendered by him will cease to be

consultation. The five levels of consultation are as follows:

Limited: The physician confines his service to the examination or evaluation of a single organ system. This procedure includes documentation of the complaint(s), present illness, pertinent examination, review of medical data and establishment of a plan of management relating to the specific problem. An example might be a dermatological opinion about an uncomplicated skin lesion.

Intermediate: Involves examination or evaluation of an organ system, a partial review of the general history, recommendations and preparation of a report. An example would be the evaluation of the abdomen for possible surgery that does not proceed to surgery.

Extended: Involves the evaluation of problems that do not require a comprehensive evaluation of the patient as a whole. This procedure includes the documentation of a history of the chief complaint(s), past medical history and pertinent physical examination, review and evaluation of the past medical data, establishment of a plan of investigative and/or therapeutic management, and the preparation of an appropriate report.

Comprehensive: Involves an in-depth evaluation of a patient with a problem requiring the development and documentation of medical data (the chief complaints, present illness, family history, past medical history, personal history, system review and physical examination, review of all diagnostic tests and procedures that have previously been done), the establishment or verification of a plan for further investigative and/or therapeutic management and the preparation of a report.

Complex: Is an uncommonly performed service that involves an in-depth evaluation of a critical problem that requires unusual knowledge, skill and judgment on the part of the consulting physician, and the preparation of an appropriate report.

Unlisted Procedures or Services: This is for services or procedures performed by physicians that are not found in CPT. A number of specific code numbers have been designated for reporting unlisted procedures. When an unlisted procedure number is used, the service or procedure should be described.