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**PUBLIC HEALTH TO SUBMIT APPLICATION TO PROVIDE MEDICAID-FUNDED
HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES ON GUAM:
NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. §441.301(c)(6)(iii), notice is hereby given that the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS), as the single state Medicaid agency, intends to submit an application for a new Section 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver (“Kumunidât Diniseha: Community of Hope”) to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

The Kumunidât Diniseha: Community of Hope program will be the first Medicaid-funded HCBS waiver program in any U.S. territory. DPHSS is committed to improving health and well-being by expanding access to high-quality services, strengthening community supports, and promoting independence and dignity for all residents while reducing the costs of avoidable hospitalizations.

The Kumunidât Diniseha: Community of Hope program’s components will include the following:

- A residential assisted living setting for eligible individuals to receive supportive services that enable them to maintain independence
- Home-based support services for eligible individuals to receive supportive services that enable them to maintain independence by remaining in their own home or the home of a family or community member
- Case management and person-centered planning to identify and facilitate individual goals around health, well-being, and independence
- An array of additional services tailored to meet the individual’s unique support needs, such as transition assistance, home modifications, and specialized therapies
- Quality oversight and safeguards consistent with federal HCBS requirements

The link to the draft application is available on the [GovGuam Public Notices Portal](#).

DPHSS welcomes public input from Medicaid beneficiaries, families, providers, community members, and other interested parties from June 15, 2026, to July 15, 2026. Comments can be emailed to DPHSS at [email address](#) or by regular mail to the following address:

DPHSS BHCFA Medicaid and MIP Program
Ran Care Building CB #106
761 South Marine Corps Drive
Tamuning, Guam 96913

DPHSS intends to host live town hall discussions regarding the application. Information on those sessions will be appended to the notice on the GovGuam Public Notices Portal.