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BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	FISCAL NOTES	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
24-38 (COR)	William A. Parkinson	AN ACT TO <i>ADD</i> A NEW CHAPTER 98 TO TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION FOR SURVIVORS OF RAPE.	1/14/25 9:37 a.m. ^2/13/25 4:20 p.m.	2/21/25	Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs.	Request 2/21/25 2/28/25	5/13/25 2:00 p.m.	7/14/25 As Amended.	



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July 3, 2025

The Honorable Frank Blas Jr., Speaker
I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
163 Hagåtña, Guåhan
Chalan Santo Papa

VIA: **The Honorable V. Anthony Ada, Vice Speaker** 
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

RE: **Committee Report on Public Hearing** [Bill No. 24-38 \(COR\)](#) As amended - William A. Parkinson - AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 98 TO TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION FOR SURVIVORS OF RAPE.


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Committee votes are as follows:

- TO DO PASS
- TO NOT PASS
- 7** TO REPORT OUT ONLY
- TO ABSTAIN
- TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE

Sincerely,

Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane 
Chairwoman, Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs



COMMITTEE ON RULES

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Bill No. 24-38 (COR)

As Amended by the Committee

AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 98 TO TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION FOR SURVIVORS OF RAPE.



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June 3, 2025

MEMORANDUM

To: **All Members**
Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs

From: **Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane**
Committee Chairperson

Subject: **Committee Report on the Public Hearing relative to Bill No. 24-38 (COR) As amended.**

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The report contains the following:

- COR Referral Memorandum
- Notice of Hearing
- Hearing Agenda
- Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Submitted Testimonies and Supporting Documents
- Committee Report Vote Sheet
- Committee Report Digest
- Copy of Bill No. 24-38 (COR) Intro
- Copy of Bill No. 24-38 (COR) As amended by the Committee
- Copy of Bill No. 24-38 (COR) Markup
- Fiscal Note

Please take appropriate action on the attached vote sheet. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Office of Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane.



COMMITTEE ON RULES

Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada, Chairperson

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38th Guam Legislature

February 21, 2025

To: **Rennae V. C. Meno**
Clerk of the Legislature

Attorney Darleen Hiton
Legislative Legal Counsel

From: **Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada** 
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Subject: **Referral of Bill No. 24-38 (COR)**

Håfa Adai,

As per my authority as Chairperson of the Committee on Rules and subject to §6.01(d)(1), Rule VI of our Standing Rules, I am forwarding the referral of **Bill No. 24-38 (COR)** – William A. Parkinson. – “AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW CHAPTER 98 OF TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION FOR SURVIVORS OF RAPE.”

Please ensure that the subject bill is referred to the Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs chaired by Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane. I also request that the same be forwarded to the Prime Sponsor of the subject bill and to Management Information Services (MIS) for posting on our website.

A copy of the bill is available on our legislative website.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Kamarin Nelson, Committee on Rules Director at 671-472-2461.





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May 6, 2025

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To: All Senators, Stakeholders, Media

From: Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane *Smat*
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Subject: First Notice of Public Hearing: Tuesday, May 13, 2025, 2:00 P.M.

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Hafa Adai Senator Matanane,

Kindly see the attached GBHWC testimony for Bill 24-38. Please confirm receipt.

Thank you,
Jamie



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2:00 P.M.

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Subject: Invitation to Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 2:00 P.M

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Thank you,

Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane
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Wed, May 7, 2025 at 8:28 AM

Hafa Adai Senator Bri,

BWA will be submitting testimony in favor of this legislation.

Si Yu'os Ma'ase,

Jayne Flores



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Thank you

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I will be submitting testimony either this afternoon or tomorrow morning, in time for the hearing tomorrow afternoon. I will also be providing in person testimony.

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Please see attached the Bureau of Women's Affairs testimony in support of Bill 24-38. I will be attending the hearing this afternoon to deliver this testimony in person.

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Re: Bill No. 24-38 (COR) AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW CHAPTER 98 TO TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION FOR SURVIVORS OF RAPE.

Dear Madam Chairwoman,

Thank you for the invitation to provide testimony on Bill No. 24-38 (COR), but Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) is restricted from providing public support or opposition to this bill which is one of the mandatory requirements of Title X Family Planning Program.

Bill No. 24-38 appears to be the reintroduction of Sen. Parkinson's Bill No. 78-37. In September 2023, DPHSS was asked to provide testimony for the initial bill however, as the recipient of Title X federal grant funds for the MCH and Family Planning Programs, DPHSS is restricted from publicly testifying. Please see attached Congressional Research Service Report regarding Title X provisions. On the top of page 2, right column, 3rd bullet states:

- Funds cannot be spent on “any activity (including the publication or distribution of literature) that in any way tends to promote public support or opposition to any legislative proposal or candidate for public office.”

Thank you for your understanding.

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Attachments



Title X Family Planning Program

Introduction

The Title X Family Planning Program (Title X) was enacted in 1970 as Title X of the Public Health Service Act (PHS Act, codified at 42 U.S.C. §§300 to 300a-6). Title X provides grants to public and nonprofit agencies for family planning services, research, and training. The Office of Population Affairs (OPA) within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) administers Title X, which is the only domestic federal program dedicated solely to family planning and related preventive health services. Most Title X regulations are at 42 C.F.R. Part 59.

Overview of Title X

What Is the Federal Funding Level? The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (P.L. 117-328) provided \$286.5 million in FY2023 discretionary funding for Title X. The program has had the same enacted annual discretionary funding level since FY2014.

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA; P.L. 117-2, §2605) also provided Title X with \$50 million in one-time mandatory funding, with funds to remain available until expended. HHS indicated it used some of the ARPA funding for FY2022 grants for the following purposes: to address the “dire need” for family planning services in certain states with “restrictive” policies on reproductive health access and in certain states that had no or limited Title X services (<https://go.usa.gov/xug5j>); to improve and expand telehealth infrastructure (<https://go.usa.gov/xJgaN>); and to support “training and technical assistance to address the challenges that the recent Supreme Court decision [*Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*] may have” on Title X services (<https://go.usa.gov/xSYyW>). P.L. 118-5, Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023, Division B §2(24) rescinded unobligated balances of this ARPA funding as of the date of enactment, June 3, 2023. As of this writing, USA Spending.gov showed an unobligated balance of \$4 million, reflecting data through April 30, 2023.

What Clinical Services Are Provided? Regulations require Title X projects to provide “a broad range of acceptable and effective medically approved family planning methods (including natural family planning methods) and services (including pregnancy testing and counseling, assistance to achieve pregnancy, basic infertility services, STI [sexually transmitted infection] services, preconception health services, and adolescent-friendly health services).” Title X clinical guidelines are at <https://go.usa.gov/xEdm6>. KFF reports that there are 4,108 Title X clinics as of 2023.

Does Title X Fund Abortions? Since Title X’s establishment in 1970, the PHS Act has prohibited using Title X funds in programs where abortion is a method of family planning. Additionally, annual appropriations laws

have stated that Title X funds “shall not be expended for abortions.”

Program guidance requires that a grantee’s Title X project activities and its non-Title X abortion activities be “separate and distinct”; they may share a common facility, a common waiting room, common staff, and a common records system, “so long as it is possible to distinguish between the Title X supported activities and non-Title X abortion-related activities,” for example, through allocating and prorating costs (<https://go.usa.gov/xMfP5>).

Must Title X projects provide abortion referrals upon client request? Regulations require Title X projects to offer pregnant clients information and nondirective counseling on prenatal care and delivery; infant care, foster care, or adoption; and abortion (unless a client indicates that they do not want information or counseling about particular options). Projects are also required to provide referrals upon client request, including abortion referrals.

Program guidance states that abortion referrals may include providing relevant factual information (such as the abortion provider’s phone number, address, and charges), but “the project may not take further affirmative action (such as negotiating a fee reduction, making an appointment, providing transportation) to secure abortion services for the patient” (<https://go.usa.gov/xhDns>).

HHS has stated that “objecting individuals and grantees will not be required to counsel or refer for abortions in the Title X program in accordance with applicable federal law” (86 Fed. Reg. 56153) and that “providers may separately be covered by federal statutes protecting conscience.” (42 C.F.R. 59.5, footnote 2)

What Do Clients Pay? Persons with income at or below 100% of the federal poverty level guidelines (FPL) do not pay for care. Clients with income higher than 100% and up to 250% FPL are charged on a sliding scale based on their ability to pay. Clients with income higher than 250% FPL are charged fees designed to recover the reasonable cost of providing services. (In 2023, in the 48 contiguous states and the District of Columbia, the poverty guideline for an individual is an annual income of \$14,580; for families of two or more persons, \$5,140 is added to the annual income figure for each additional person.) For unemancipated minors who request confidential services, eligibility for discounts is based on the minor’s own income.

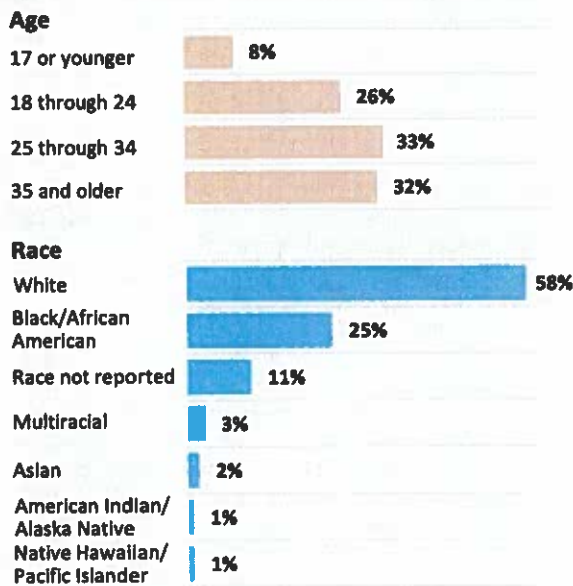
Are There Special Requirements for Services to Minors? Annual appropriations laws have stated that Title X providers are not exempt from state notification and reporting laws on child abuse, child molestation, sexual abuse, rape, or incest. Title X providers must counsel

minors on how to resist attempted coercion into sexual activity. The Title X statute also requires grantees, “to the extent practical,” to encourage family participation.

Regulations state that Title X projects may not require parental consent and may not notify a parent or guardian that a minor has requested or received Title X family planning services. On December 20, 2022, a federal district court in Texas, in a case filed by a parent who objected to these regulations on religious grounds, ruled that these regulations violated the plaintiff’s constitutional right to direct the upbringing of his children and set aside these regulations. See CRS Legal Sidebar LSB10916, *Title X Parental Consent for Contraceptive Services Litigation: Overview and Initial Observations (Part 1 of 2)* and CRS Legal Sidebar LSB10917, *Title X Parental Consent for Contraceptive Services Litigation: Overview and Initial Observations (Part 2 of 2)*. The government has filed an appeal; litigation is ongoing.

Who Are Title X Clients? In 2021, Title X served 1.7 million clients. Of those clients, 85% were female, 65% had incomes at or below FPL, 83% had incomes at or below 200% FPL, and 36% were uninsured. The Guttmacher Institute found that in 2015-2019, of clients receiving contraceptive services, 60% said their Title X clinic was their usual source of broader health care over the past year. Figure 1 provides demographic data.

Figure 1. Title X Clients by Age and Race, 2021



Source: CRS using data from HHS, *Title X Family Planning Annual Report: 2021 National Summary*, pp. 12, 14, 15, <https://go.usa.gov/xMNPJ>.

Notes: 38% of clients (all races) identified as Latino/Hispanic. Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Legislative Mandates

What Title X Provisions Are in the Most Recent Appropriations Law? The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (P.L. 117-328) included requirements on the use of Title X funds that are similar to provisions included in previous years’ appropriations laws:

- Title X funds cannot be spent on abortions.
- All pregnancy counseling must be nondirective.
- Funds cannot be spent on “any activity (including the publication or distribution of literature) that in any way tends to promote public support or opposition to any legislative proposal or candidate for public office.”
- Grantees must certify that they encourage family participation when minors seek services.
- Grantees must certify that they counsel minors on how to resist attempted coercion into sexual activity.
- Family planning providers are not exempt from state notification and reporting laws on child abuse, child molestation, sexual abuse, rape, or incest.

These requirements are in addition to statutory mandates in Title X of the PHS Act, which, among other things, require family planning participation to be voluntary and prohibit the use of Title X funds in programs where abortion is a method of family planning.

Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization

How has the Title X program responded to the Dobbs decision? The U.S. Supreme Court’s June 2022 ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization* provided states with increased discretion to restrict abortions. As mentioned, the Title X program does not fund abortions, but Title X projects are required to provide pregnant clients with nondirective counseling and referrals upon client request, including abortion referrals.

In June 2022, OPA sent Title X providers *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization U.S. Supreme Court Decision: Impact on Title X Program*, a guidance document on topics such as protecting client confidentiality, providing clients with referrals to out-of-state providers, serving clients who live out-of-state, and pregnancy counseling via telehealth (<https://bit.ly/3OvGt8M>).

In January 2023, the Title X-funded Reproductive Health National Training Center released a *Nondirective Counseling and Referral Sample Policy Template*. It suggests that providers may want to include in their referral procedures a description of abortion’s legal status in their state and a process for out-of-state referrals, if necessary (<https://bit.ly/3M8dHK1>). In April 2023, HHS announced a forecasted funding opportunity to establish a national Title X Nondirective Options Information, Counseling, and Referrals Hotline and accompanying website for pregnant clients (<https://bit.ly/3KKz49>).

Other Family Planning Programs

Do Other Federal Programs Support Family Planning? Although Title X is the only federal domestic program primarily focused on family planning, other programs also finance family planning and contraception, among their other services. For details, see CRS Report R46785, *Federal Support for Reproductive Health Services: Frequently Asked Questions*.

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Hafa Adai Senator Salas Matanane and Committee Members,

The Bureau of Women's Affairs is in strong support of Bill No. 24-38 (COR), AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 98 TO TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION FOR SURVIVORS OF RAPE.

This bill, authored by Senator Will Parkinson, will codify the ability of a victim of sexual assault to have access to emergency contraception if she so chooses. The act of offering emergency contraception medication to female victims of sexual assault is already in practice at Guam Memorial Hospital, the Guam Regional Medical City, and Healing Hearts Crisis Center, Guam's rape crisis center being run under the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center. However, following the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in June 2022 that there is no constitutional right to abortion, women's reproductive rights have been seriously eroded in more than one-third of the jurisdictions in the United States. The Bureau of Women's Affairs thanks Senator Parkinson for this legislation and fully supports his efforts to protect a victim's choice to prevent an unwanted pregnancy that might result from having been violated in such a horrific and very personal way.

The BWA strongly notes that emergency contraception, which the bill defines as "one (1) or more prescription drugs to prevent pregnancy, used separately or in combination, administered to or self-administered by a patient within a medically recommended time after sexual intercourse, dispensed for that purpose in accordance with medical professional standards of practice and determined to be safe by the United States Food and Drug Administration," is just that -CONTRAcEption. It prevents pregnancy. It is in no way, shape, or form an abortion drug. One form of this contraceptive medication is known commercially as "Plan B" and is available as an over-the-counter non-prescription drug. Therefore, we recommend that "over-the-counter or" be inserted before "prescription drugs" in this definition.

We also have several other suggestions with regard to this legislation. We recommend that "Guam Behavioral Health & Wellness Center", the department under which Guam's only rape crisis center is established, should be included after "emergency health care facility" throughout the bill.

We also think it may be unnecessary to include “Section 4. Written Information Relative to Emergency Contraception for Sexual Assault Victims.” in this legislation. This section requires the Director of the Department of Public Health and Social Services, in collaboration with several agencies, including the Bureau of Women’s Affairs, “to develop, prepare, and produce written information relating to emergency contraception for the prevention of pregnancy in sexual assault victims; and sexually transmitted diseases.” The information about emergency contraception is already provided to victims at Healing Hearts and at GMH and GRMC by health care professionals when treating victims of sexual assault. Also, emergency contraception does not prevent sexually transmitted diseases, so this phrase should be reworded. If the intention of this section is to explain this medical information in layman’s terms to victims of sexual assault and the general public, then perhaps that should be highlighted as the purpose of producing this information for general public consumption.

Again, we thank Senator Parkinson for what we believe is a necessary effort to set into law the right of a female sexual assault victim to choose access to emergency contraception to prevent pregnancy. While the Bureau of Women’s Affairs wishes this legislation was not necessary, unfortunately, given the current climate of attacks on women’s reproductive rights in our country, it is very necessary.

Si Yu’os Ma’ase for the opportunity to provide this testimony in strong support of Bill 24-38, with the changes we have suggested.



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Buenas yan Hafa Adai Senator Salas Matanane,

Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center (GBHWC) respectfully submits this testimony in favor of Bill No. 24-38 (COR), An Act To Add A New Chapter 98 To Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, Relative To Emergency Contraception For Survivors Of Rape.

GBHWC's Healing Hearts Crisis Center (HHCC) is the only rape crisis center on Guam and serves on average over 100 victims a year. Healing Hearts provides forensic medical services to include utilizing rape kits in the collection of forensic evidence, intake assessments, forensic interviews and referrals for other needed services such as counseling. All Healing Hearts services are free, voluntary and client-centered. As a result, some clients do not file a police report with GPD or enter Guam's criminal justice system, and some victims who file police reports do not seek services with HHCC.

HHCC has an established relationship with all the emergency departments of the hospitals on island and through these relationships we have served many victims/survivors and their families.

Here is a glimpse of referrals received in the past five (5) years and services provided at HHCC:

- In 2020, HHCC received 55 referrals for services, of which, one victim was provided with emergency contraceptives with STI testing and treatment.
- In 2021, HHCC received 68 referrals, however, no contraceptives were provided (victims declined due to their religious beliefs).
- In 2022, HHCC received 87 referrals for services and one was victim was provided with emergency contraceptives and STI testing with treatment.
- In 2023, HHCC received 71 referrals for services, of which 14 were acute cases. 8 were provided with emergency contraceptives and were referred to STI testing.
- In 2024, HHCC received 75 referrals, of which 16 were acute cases. 7 adult victims were provided with emergency contraceptives and STI referrals for testing.



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- As of 5/13/2025, HHCC received 14 referrals, of which 5 were acute cases. 3 adult victims were provided with emergency contraceptives and STI referral for testing.

Currently, emergency contraception can be obtained over the counter at any pharmacy on Guam without a physician prescription. Victims/Survivors are also referred to the Department of Public Health and Social Services for STD/STI consultations and treatment or they can choose to see their primary physician for treatment. HHCC is funded through local funds and supplemented by part of an Edward J. Byrne Grant and the Guam Sexual Assault & Abuse Resource Center Association (SAARCA).

As the agency responsible for providing behavioral health services to all of Guam, GBHWC recognizes the profound psychological and emotional impact that sexual assault has on survivors. Access to timely, medically accurate, and compassionate care is essential in mitigating trauma and empowering survivors to regain control over their health and well-being. With this in mind, we recommend that “Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center”, be included after “emergency health care facility” throughout the bill.

By requiring emergency health care facilities and GBHWC to offer emergency contraception and accurate information about sexually transmitted diseases, Guam takes a critical step toward trauma-informed care and survivor-centered support.

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Bill No. 24-38 (COR) As amended - William A. Parkinson - AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 98 TO TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION FOR SURVIVORS OF RAPE.

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Respectfully,

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Senator, 38th Guam Legislature

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COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

I. OVERVIEW:

The Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs conducted a Public Hearing on Tuesday May 13, 2025, scheduled to begin at 2:00 P.M., in the Public Hearing Room of the Guam Congress Building.

Among other items, on the agenda for discussion was Bill No. 24-38 (COR) AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 98 TO TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION FOR SURVIVORS OF RAPE. The history of the Bill is as follows:

- Introduction on January 14, 2025, at 9:37 A.M.

Public Notice Requirements

In accordance with Open Government Law, the public notice for this public hearing was disseminated via email to all senators and main media broadcasting outlets on May 6, 2025, and May 9, 2025. This public notice was also posted on the Guam Legislature website and the Public Notice Portal.

Senators Present

Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane, Chairperson of the Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs
Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada, Vice Chairperson on Health
Senator Shelly Calvo, Committee Member
Senator Telo T. Taitague
Senator William A. Parkingson
Senator Therese M. Terlaje

Appearing before the Committee:

Theresa Arriola, Director of Department of Public Health and Social Services
Dr. Kwasi Nyame, Chief Medical Officer of Guam Memorial Hospital
Yuka Hechanova, Chief Financial Officer of Guam Memorial Hospital
Jordan Pauluhn, Attorney for Guam Memorial Hospital
Joey San Nicolas, Deputy Chief of Guam Fire Department
Sydie Taisacan, General Accounting Supervisor Revenue Cycle Management of Guam Memorial Hospital
Christine Tuquero, Assistant Administrator of Nursing at the Guam Memorial Hospital

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY AND DISCUSSION:

This Public Hearing was called to order at 2:00 P.M.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, CHAIRPERSON-COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS ON THE GMH FEES PACKAGE PARK SENATOR PARKINSON OR SENATOR ADA OKAY THANK YOU THANK YOU AGAIN WE WILL NOW HEAR TESTIMONY ON BILL 24-38 COR AUTHORED BY SENATOR WILL PARKINSON I ASK ALL INVITEES THAT WILL BE TESTIFYING TODAY ON THIS BILL TO PLEASE COME FORWARD AND HAVE A SEAT AT THE TABLE THANK YOU AND WE WILL BEGIN WITH

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REMARKS FROM THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL SENATOR WILL PARKINSON YOU HAVE 10 MINUTES

SENATOR WILLIAM PARKINSON THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR AND THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS JOINED US TODAY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PUBLIC HEARING WE ARE HERE TO DISCUSS BILL 24-38 LEGISLATION I INTRODUCED TO REQUIRE EMERGENCY HEALTHCARE FACILITIES TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND ACCESS TO EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION FOR SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT THIS BILL IS ABOUT TIMELY COMPASSIONATE EVIDENCE-BASED CARE IT IS ABOUT MEETING SURVIVORS IN A MOMENT OF CRISIS WITH REAL MEDICAL OPTIONS LET ME BEGIN BY STATING SOMETHING VERY CLEARLY BECAUSE IT IS OFTEN MISUNDERSTOOD THIS BILL IS NOT ABOUT ABORTION EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION DOES NOT END THE PREGNANCY IT PREVENTS ONE FROM HAPPENING EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION WORKS BY STOPPING OR DELAYING OVULATION IF THERE IS NO EGG THERE IS NO FERTILIZATION AND WITHOUT FERTILIZATION THERE IS NO PREGNANCY THAT IS HOW IT WORKS THIS IS PREVENTION NOT TERMINATION THAT DISTINCTION MATTERS AND IT MUST GROUND OUR CONVERSATION TODAY GUAM HAS THE SECOND HIGHEST RATE OF RAPE PER CAPITA IN THE UNITED STATES IN 2020 75% OF REPORTED SURVIVORS WERE MINORS THESE ARE NOT DISTANT STATISTICS THESE ARE YOUNG WOMEN AND GIRLS IN OUR SCHOOLS IN OUR HOMES AND IN OUR COMMUNITY THEY DESERVE ACCESS TO ALL MEDICAL TOOLS AVAILABLE TO PROTECT THEIR FUTURES THEY DESERVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS ABOUT THEIR CARE IN THE HOURS AND DAYS AFTER TRAUMATIC EVENTS THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME I'VE INTRODUCED THIS LEGISLATION I INTRODUCED A VERSION OF THIS BILL IN THE 37TH WAM LEGISLATURE BECAUSE THE NEED FOR IT HAS BEEN CLEAR FOR YEARS SURVIVORS HAVE WAITED LONG ENOUGH FOR A SYSTEM THAT TREATS THEIR CARE AS URGENT CONSISTENT AND INFORMED BY SCIENCE I REINTRODUCED IT THIS TERM BECAUSE I REMAIN COMMITTED TO ENSURING BASIC STANDARD OF CARE IS LAW TIMING IS ESSENTIAL EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION IS MOST EFFECTIVE WHEN TAKEN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS STATES THAT WHILE EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION CAN WORK UP TO 5 DAYS AFTER UNPROTECTED SEX IT IS MOST EFFECTIVE WITHIN THE FIRST 12 TO 24 HOURS EVERY HOUR MATTERS EMERGENCY ROOMS ARE OFTEN WHERE MANY SURVIVORS TURN FIRST IS WHERE INJURIES ARE TREATED EVIDENCE IS COLLECTED AND RECOVERY BEGINS ACCORDING TO NATIONAL STANDARDS OF CARE INCLUDING THOSE FROM THE USDA YOU ARE EXCUSE ME THE US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE SURVIVORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IDEALLY WITHIN 48 TO 72 HOURS THIS IS THE SAME TIME WINDOW WHEN EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION IS MOST LIKELY TO BE EFFECTIVE IF THE OPTION IS NOT PRESENTED DURING THAT VISIT IT MAY BE LOST ENTIRELY THE BILL CREATED A NEW CHAPTER IN GUAM LAW THAT SET A CLEAR STANDARD OF CARE FIRST IT REQUIRES THAT ANY LICENSED EMERGENCY HEALTH CARE FACILITY PROVIDE EMERGENCY CARE TO A SURVIVOR OF SEXUAL ASSAULT THAT INCLUDES PROVIDING MEDICALLY AND FACTUALLY ACCURATE ORAL AND WRITTEN INFORMATION ABOUT EMERGENCY

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CONTRACEPTION AND SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES SECOND THE FACILITY MUST INFORM EACH SURVIVOR OF THEIR OPTION TO TAKE EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION THIRD IF THE SURVIVOR REQUESTS IT THE FACILITY MUST PROVIDE IT UNLESS IT IS MEDICALLY UNSAFE TO DO SO IF THE CONTRACEPTION IS IN PILL FORM THE PATIENT MUST RECEIVE BOTH THE INITIAL DOSE AND THE FOLLOW-UP DOSE IN ADDITION THE BILL REQUIRES THAT EMERGENCY FACILITIES HAVE WRITTEN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO ENSURE THEIR PERSONNEL ARE PROPERLY TRAINED STAFF MUST BE PREPARED TO GIVE ACCURATE UNBIASED AND COMPASSIONATE INFORMATION IT ALSO TASKED THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES IN COLLABORATION WITH THE BUREAU OF WOMEN'S AFFAIRS THE GUAM SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM AND THE GUAM COALITION AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT AND FAMILY VIOLENCE TO PRODUCE CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE AND EASY TO UNDERSTAND WRITTEN INFORMATION FOR SURVIVORS THAT MATERIAL MUST EXPLAIN HOW EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION WORKS HOW EFFECTIVE IT IS WHERE IT CAN BE OBTAINED AND WHAT TREATMENT OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES I ALSO WANT TO NOTE 22 STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ALREADY REQUIRE EMERGENCY ROOMS TO OFFER INFORMATION ABOUT OR ACCESS TO EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION FOR SURVIVORS OF RAPE NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION THE AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION AND THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS RECOMMEND IT AS STANDARD MEDICAL CARE THIS BILL IS NOT CONTROVERSIAL IT IS RESPONSIBLE IT ENSURES THAT SURVIVOR DOES NOT LEAVE AN EMERGENCY ROOM WITHOUT BEING TOLD THAT SHE HAS OPTIONS IT ENSURES THAT WE TREAT SURVIVORS WITH DIGNITY WITH URGENCY AND WITH ACCESS TO REAL MEDICAL CARE THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR AND I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING TESTIMONY ON THIS BILL TODAY THANK YOU VERY MUCH

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, CHAIRPERSON-COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND VETERAN'S AFFAIRS: THANK YOU SENATOR PARKINSON WE WILL NOW PROCEED WITH TESTIMONY ON BILL 24-38 COR AS YOU PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS PLEASE SPEAK CLOSELY INTO THE MICROPHONE STATE YOUR NAME AND THE ORGANIZATION OR GOVERNMENT AGENCY THAT YOU ARE REPRESENTING AND WE WILL START WITH TO MY RIGHT

CHRISTINE TUQUERO: ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF NURSING-GMHA: HI, MY NAME IS CHRISTINE TUQUERO I'M THE ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF NURSING SERVICES AT GMHA I AM HERE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT MAY BE DIRECTED TO GMHA

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, CHAIRPERSON-COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND VETERAN'S AFFAIRS: THANK YOU

DR. KWASI NYAME: CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER, GMHA: GOOD AFTERNOON THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME SPEAK TODAY I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF GHA AS THE CHIEF

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MEDICAL OFFICER I DON'T HAVE A POSITION PER SE BUT I WANTED TO GIVE INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS WITH PATIENTS THAT ARE THE VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT THAT COME TO THE ER THEY ARE TREATED FOR THEIR MEDICAL AND THEIR INJURIES THE DOCTORS WILL THEN REFER THEM TO SOCIAL SERVICES LIKE HEALING HEARTS TO TALK ABOUT COUNSELING THE DOCTORS ALSO COUNSEL THEM ABOUT THEIR OPTIONS AS YOU MENTIONED BEFORE THE CONTRACEPTION IS IMPORTANT TO TAKE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITHIN 3 DAYS IS WHEN IS MOST EFFECTIVE AFTER 3 DAYS IS NOT AS EFFECTIVE ON GUAM THERE ARE TWO CONTRACEPTIVE MEDICATIONS YOU CAN TAKE IT'S CALLED MY WAY AND PLAN B BOTH ARE OVER-THE-COUNTER PRESCRIPTIONS MEANING THAT YOU DO NOT NEED A PRESCRIPTION TO GO AND GET IT YOU CAN GO TO THE PHARMACY REQUEST IT PAY FOR IT AND THEY'LL GIVE IT TO YOU THE PILLS ARE NOT PHYSICALLY IN THE HOSPITAL MEANING THAT WE CANNOT GIVE THE PILLS TO THE PATIENTS WE CAN GIVE PRESCRIPTIONS TO THE PATIENTS AND THEN THEY THEN HAVE TO GO TO PHARMACIES TO THEN FILL THE PRESCRIPTION SOME OF THE PHYSICIANS DO GIVE COUNSELING BECAUSE OF THEIR NATURE OF TRAINING THEY'RE COMFORTABLE SOME PHYSICIANS STABILIZE A PATIENT TREAT THEIR INJURIES AND THEN REFER THEM TO THE HEALING ARTS FOR FURTHER CARE AGAIN I'M NOT SPEAKING FOR OR AGAINST THE BILL I'M SIMPLY EXPLAINING THE PROCESSES THAT HAPPEN AT GH WHEN PATIENTS COME IN WITH SEXUAL ASSAULTS BUT ANY QUESTIONS THAT THE MEMBERS MAY HAVE AS FAR AS THE MEDICAL ASPECT OF IT I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER THANK YOU SO MUCH

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, CHAIRPERSON-COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND VETERAN'S AFFAIRS: THANK YOU MISS FLORES

JAYNE FLORES: DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF WOMENS AFFAIRS: Hafa Adai Senator Bri and Committee Members my name is Jane Flores I'm the Director of the Bureau of Women's Affairs and I am here to state that the Bureau of Women's Affairs is in strong support of Bill No. 24-38 relative to Emergency Contraception for Survivors of Rape this bill offer authored by Senator Will Parkinson will codify the ability of a victim of sexual assault to have access to emergency contraception if she so chooses the act of offering emergency contraception medication to female victims of sexual assault is already in practice at the Guam Regional Medical City and Healing Hearts Crisis Center Guam's Rape Crisis Center being run under the Depart Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center and unfortunately as Dr Nyami just pointed out GMH does counsel patients but they don't have the pill available in the ER is that correct doctor that is correct we don't have the physical pill we give a prescription to the patients should there be a need or request but the physical pill is not available in the hospital they would have to go to a pharmacy to get that bill and usually from my understanding working closely with Healing Hearts as I do because we give them some grant money through the Guam's Sexual Assault and Abuse Resource Center Association

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HEALING HEARTS DOES OFFER THIS MEDICATION TO THE PATIENT FREE OF CHARGE BECAUSE IT IS OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATION FOLLOWING THE US SUPREME COURT'S DECISION IN JUNE 2022 THAT THERE IS NO CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO ABORTION WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS HAVE BEEN SERIOUSLY ERODED IN MORE THAN ONE THIRD OF THE JURISDICTIONS IN THE UNITED STATES THE BUREAU OF WOMEN'S AFFAIRS THANKS SENATOR PARKINSON FOR THIS LEGISLATION AND FULLY SUPPORTS HIS EFFORTS TO PROTECT A VICTIM'S CHOICE TO PREVENT AN UNWANTED PREGNANCY THAT MIGHT RESULT FROM HAVING BEEN VIOLATED IN SUCH A HORRIFIC AND VERY PERSONAL WAY THE BWA STRONGLY NOTES THAT THE EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION WHICH THE BILL DEFINES AS ONE OR MORE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS TO PREVENT PREGNANCY USED SEPARATELY OR IN COMBINATION ADMIN ADMINISTERED TO OR SELF-ADMINISTERED BY A PATIENT WITHIN A MEDICALLY RECOMMENDED TIME AFTER SEXUAL INTERCOURSE DISPENSED FOR THAT PURPOSE IN ACCORDANCE WITH MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS OF PRACTICE AND DETERMINED TO BE SAFE BY THE UNITED STATES FOOD DRUG ADMINISTRATION IS JUST THAT CONTRACEPTION IT PREVENTS PREGNANCY IT IS IN NO WAY SHAPE OR FORM AN ABORTION DRUG ONE FORM OF THIS CONTRACEPTIVE MEDICATION OR TWO FORMS ARE KNOWN AS COMMERCIAL AS PLAN B OR MY WAY AND THEY'RE AVAILABLE AS OVER-THE-COUNTER NON-PRESCRIPTION DRUGS THEREFORE WE RECOMMEND THAT OVER-THE-COUNTER OR BE INSERTED BEFORE THE PHRASE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS IN THIS DEFINITION WE ALSO HAVE SEVERAL OTHER SUGGESTIONS WITH REGARD TO THIS LEGISLATION WE RECOMMEND THAT GUAM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER THE DEPARTMENT UNDER WHICH GUAM'S ONLY RAPE CRISIS CENTER IS ESTABLISHED SHOULD BE INCLUDED AFTER EMERGENCY HEALTHCARE FACILITY THROUGHOUT THE BILL WE ALSO THINK THAT IT MAY BE UNNECESSARY TO INCLUDE SECTION 4 WRITTEN INFORMATION RELATIVE TO EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS IN THIS LEGISLATION THIS SECTION REQUIRES THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES IN COLLABORATION WITH SEVERAL AGENCIES INCLUDING THE BUREAU OF WOMEN'S AFFAIRS TO DEVELOP PREPARE AND PRODUCE WRITTEN INFORMATION RELATING TO EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF PREGNANCY IN SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS AND SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES THE INFORMATION ABOUT EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION IS ALREADY PROVIDED TO VICTIMS AT HEALING HEARTS AND AT GRMC AND AT GMH WHEN THEY DISPENSE THE PRESCRIPTION BY THE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS WHEN THEY TREAT VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT ALSO EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION DOES NOT PREVENT SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES SO THIS PHRASE MIGHT HAVE TO BE REWARDED IF THE INTENTION OF THIS SECTION IS TO EXPLAIN THIS MEDICAL INFORMATION IN LAYMAN'S TERMS TO VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC THEN PERHAPS THAT SHOULD BE HIGHLIGHTED AS THE PURPOSE OF PRODUCING THIS INFORMATION FOR GENERAL PUBLIC CONSUMPTION AGAIN WE THANK SENATOR PARKINSON FOR WHAT WE BELIEVE IS A NECESSARY EFFORT TO SET INTO LAW THE RIGHT OF A FEMALE SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIM TO CHOOSE ACCESS TO EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION TO PREVENT

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PREGNANCY WHILE THE BUREAU OF WOMEN'S AFFAIRS WISHES THIS LEGISLATION WAS NOT NECESSARY UNFORTUNATELY GIVEN THE CURRENT CLIMATE OF ATTACKS ON WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS IN OUR COUNTRY IT IS VERY NECESSARY SI YUUS MAASE FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE THIS TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF BILL 24-38 WITH THE CHANGES WE HAVE SUGGESTED

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, CHAIRPERSON-COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND VETERAN'S AFFAIRS: THANK YOU MISS FLORES WE WILL NOW TAKE QUESTIONS FROM THE PANEL SENATOR PARKINSON YOU CAN BEGIN

SENATOR WILLIAM PARKINSON OH I'LL PASS FOR NOW MADAM I'LL SAVE MY QUESTIONS FOR CLOSE

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, CHAIRPERSON-COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS: OKAY SENATOR TERLAJE MISS ARRIOLA WOULD YOU LIKE TO TESTIFY ON THIS BILL WE HAVE YOUR WRITTEN TESTIMONY. YOU WOULD JUST WANT TO SUBMIT YOUR WRITTEN TESTIMONY OKAY

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE: THANK YOU MADAM THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR SO ACCORDING TO PUBLIC HEALTH'S WRITTEN TESTIMONY IT SAYS DPHSS IS RESTRICTED FROM PUBLICLY TESTIFYING PLEASE SEE ATTACHED CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE REPORT REGARDING TITLE 10 PROVISIONS IT STATES "FUNDS CANNOT BE SPENT ON ANY ACTIVITY INCLUDING THE PUBLICATION OR DISTRIBUTION OF LITERATURE THAT IN ANY WAY TENDS TO PROMOTE PUBLIC SUPPORT OR OPPOSITION TO ANY LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL OR CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE AND THAT'S BECAUSE WE RECEIVE TITLE 10 FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS FOR THE MCH AND FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAMS." I GUESS I'M JUST CONFUSED BECAUSE WE TESTIFIED THE PUBLIC HEALTH TESTIFIES ON MANY BILLS BUT YOU'RE SAYING ONLY CERTAIN BILLS YOU'RE PROHIBITED FROM TESTIFYING ON OR NOW ALL BILLS

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, CHAIRPERSON-COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND VETERAN'S AFFAIRS: IN HER THE FIRST LINE OF HER TESTIMONY IT SAYS IS RESTRICTED FROM PROVIDING PUBLIC SUPPORT OR OPPOSITION TO THIS BILL WHICH IS ONE OF THE MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS OF TITLE 10 FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE: ALL RIGHT I DON'T THINK IT'S CLEAR BUT ALL RIGHT THEN I GUESS BUREAU OF WOMEN'S AFFAIRS MISS FLORES WHEN YOU SAID PERHAPS WE SHOULD DELETE SECTION 4 TO ME SECTION FOUR WAS THE WHOLE GIST OF THE BILL THAT THEY WANTED PEOPLE TO HAVE THIS INFORMATION IN WRITING BUT YOU'RE SAYING THIS INFORMATION IS ALREADY GIVEN AND THEN PROVISION TWO I MEAN SECTION TWO IS THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY CARE TO SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS YOU'RE SAYING THIS IS ALSO ALREADY BEING DONE ISN'T IT

JAYNE FLORES: DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF WOMENS AFFAIRS: HEALING HEARTS DOES GIVE OUT FROM MY UNDERSTANDING THEY DO GIVE OUT THE EMERGENCY

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CONTRACEPTION IF IT IS REQUESTED AND THEY ALSO TELL THE VICTIM EXACTLY WHAT AND THERE'S LITERATURE IT'S LIKE WHEN YOU GET ANY KIND OF PRESCRIPTION YOU GET LITERATURE THAT TELLS YOU ALL ABOUT IT AND SO UNFORTUNATELY AT GMH THEY DON'T THEY DON'T USUALLY BECAUSE GMH EMERGENCY ROOM IS NOT REALLY A PRIVATE PLACE WHEN THEY HAVE SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS TO MY UNDERSTANDING UNLESS THEY ARE MEDICALLY UNABLE TO LEAVE THE HOSPITAL THEY DO SEND THEM OVER TO HEALING HEARTS WHERE IT'S THERE'S A MUCH MORE PRIVATE AREA TO HAVE THE EXAM AND BE COUNSELED AND GET THE MEDICATION

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE: I GUESS LET ME REPHRASE MY QUESTION SO IF SECTION 4 IS KIND OF DUPLICATIVE OF WHAT'S EXISTING PRACTICE ISN'T SECTION TWO ALSO DUPLICATIVE OF EXISTING PRACTICE WHEN GMH IS TESTIFYING THAT THEY ALREADY COUNCIL PEOPLE WHO COME TO GH GRMC IS COUNSELING PEOPLE

JAYNE FLORES: DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF WOMENS AFFAIRS: IT IS BUT IT'S IMPORTANT TO CODIFY THIS TO PUT IT INTO LAW ONLY BECAUSE AS I MENTIONED IN MY TESTIMONY IN MORE THAN ONE THIRD OF THE JURISDICTIONS IN THE UNITED STATES WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS ARE BEING SERIOUSLY ERODED AND WE JUST WANT THIS TO ALWAYS BE AVAILABLE TO WOMEN IF THEY SO CHOOSE TO HAVE EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE: DR NYAMI AS THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF GMH IF WE DID NOT HAVE THIS STATUTE, YOU ARE ALREADY YOU HAVE TESTIFIED THAT DOCTORS ARE ALREADY INFORMING SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS THAT HAVE CODE TO GMH OF THEM OF THE OPTION OF EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION IS THAT CORRECT

DR. KWASI NYAME: CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER, GMHA: CURRENTLY DOCTORS ARE TREATING PATIENTS AND STABILIZING THEM FOR THEIR MEDICAL INJURIES THEY'RE ALSO DISCUSSING SOME NOT ALL DOCTORS SOME DOCTORS ARE GIVEN COUNSELING AND THEN REFERRING THE PATIENTS TO HEALING HEARTS TO HAVE AN IN-DEPTH COUNSELING AND ALSO LITERATURE AND ALSO OTHER SERVICES THAT'S AVAILABLE SO YES IF WE'RE NOT DOING THE COUNSELING DIRECTLY WE ARE THEN SENDING A PATIENT FOR REFERRAL TO HEALING HEARTS WHERE THEY ARE FURTHER COUNSELLED

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT AND YOU'RE SAYING THAT'S BEING DONE AS A STANDARD OF CARE

DR. KWASI NYAME: CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER, GMHA: CURRENTLY YES THAT'S A STANDARD OF CARE WITHIN GMH PATIENTS COME IN FOR ASSAULT SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS WE STABILIZE THEM WE TREAT THEM WE THEN COUNSEL THEM AND THEN WE REFER THEM TO HEALING HEARTS TO HAVE FURTHER COUNSELING LITERATURE AND EVEN POSSIBLY THE PLAN B MEDICATION GIVEN TO THEM WE DO NOT ACTUALLY GIVE THE PILL WE GIVE A PRESCRIPTION FOR THE PILL IF NECESSARY THEY MEET THE CRITERIA AND THEN HEALING HEARTS AND THE PHARMACIES WILL DO THE REST

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SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT SO IF THE LAW CHANGES AND NOW DOCTORS ARE MANDATED TO GIVE INFORMATION ABOUT EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION AND THEY ARE MANDATED TO ORALLY INFORM EACH SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIM OF HER OPTION TO BE PROVIDED EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION AND THE DOCTORS ARE MANDATED TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION UPON HER REQUEST IS GMH ABLE TO COMPLY WITH THIS

DR. KWASI NYAME, CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER, GMHA: CURRENTLY BECAUSE THE PHYSICAL PILL IS NOT WITHIN THE HOSPITAL, WE WOULD HAVE TO MAKE CHANGES TO ACQUIRE THE PHYSICAL PILL IN ORDER TO GIVE IT TO THE PATIENTS BEFORE THEY LEFT THE ER AT THIS TIME IF THIS LAW IF THIS BILL BECOMES A LAW WE WOULD BE NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE: SO, IF IT SAYS TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION GIVING A PRESCRIPTION IS NOT ADEQUATE TO MEET THAT STANDARD

DR. KWASI NYAME, CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER, GMHA: IT DEPENDS ON HOW ONE READS THE

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE: THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING YOU

DR. KWASI NYAME, CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER, GMHA: THE WAY, IT READS IT SAYS PRESCRIPTION DRUG IT DOESN'T SAY PRESCRIPTION BECAUSE IT SAYS PRESCRIPTION DRUG, I FEEL THAT IF THIS BILL WOULD BECOME LAW WE WOULD NOT BE IN COMPLIANCE IF IT SAID PRESCRIPTION AND LEFT OUT THE WORD DRUG, I BELIEVE THAT WE WOULD NOT BE IN COMPLIANCE

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE: ON PAGE THREE DOES REQUIRE THAT YOU SHALL INCLUDE THE INITIAL DOSE, SO YOU DO HAVE TO HAVE THE PILLS SO IS GH ABLE TO DO THAT

DR. KWASI NYAME: CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER, GMHA: AT THIS TIME, I CANNOT ANSWER THAT QUESTION MA'AM I'M HAPPY TO DO SOME RESEARCH AND GET BACK TO YOU HOWEVER

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE: MS TUQUERO IS THERE ANY REASON GMH WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO DO THAT

CHRISTINE TUQUERO: ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF NURSING-GMHA: FROM MY UNDERSTANDING WE JUST HAVE TO GO THROUGH PROCUREMENT TO GET THE MEDICATIONS TO PURCHASE AND OBTAIN THE MEDICATION TO BE IN OUR STOCK

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT AND SO THE QUESTION OF WHAT YOU HAVE IN STOCK AND WHAT YOU DON'T THAT'S WHO MAKES THOSE DECISIONS IS THAT CURRENTLY A BOARD DECISION OR THAT'S A MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S DECISION

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CHRISTINE TUQUERO, ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF NURSING-GMHA: WE HAVE A COMMITTEE THAT REGULATES WHAT'S FORMULARY AND NONFORMULARY FOR MEDICATION

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE: SO, WHAT IS THIS

CHRISTINE TUQUERO, ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF NURSING-GMHA: I DON'T HAVE THE INFORMATION IF THIS IS FORMULARY I DO ON JUST THE MY UNDERSTANDING I DON'T THINK IT'S ONE OF OUR FORMULARY MEDICATIONS JUST BECAUSE IT'S NOT PROBABLY REQUIRED TO STABILIZE THE PATIENT IN AN EMERGENCY SETTING BUT STILL CAN BE GIVEN IN AN OUTPATIENT SETTING TO BE WITHIN STANDARD OF CARE

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT THANK YOU ANY

DR. KWASI NYAME: CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER, GMHA: IF I MAY MAD ANY MEDICATION THAT IS NEW THAT WOULD LIKE TO BE INTRODUCED TO THE FORMULARY HAS TO GO THROUGH A COMMITTEE CALLED PHARMACY AND THERAPEUTICS THAT COMMITTEE HAS TO DO AN ASSESSMENT OF THE NEED FOR THE MEDICATION THE COST OF MEDICATION THE AVAILABILITY OF THE MEDICATION AND THE BENEFIT OF THE MEDICATION ONCE THAT ASSESSMENT IS DONE AND THE PHARMACY AND THERAPIST COMMITTEE FEEL THAT THIS MEDICATION IS OVERALL BENEFICIAL THEY WOULD THEN VOTE ON IT WOULD THEN BE MOVED TO SEVERAL COMMITTEES UNTIL IT'S VOTED UPON AND AT THAT POINT IT CAN BECOME A FORMULARY RIGHT NOW THIS MEDICATION IS A PREVENTATIVE MEDICATION IN THE NATURE THAT IT DOES NOT STOP PREGNANCY BUT IT PREVENTS PREGNANCY FOR THAT REASON IT IS A MEDICATION THAT AT THIS TIME BECAUSE IT'S AVAILABLE AT PHARMACIES A PRESCRIPTION CAN BE GIVEN AND THE PATIENTS CAN GO TO PHARMACY AND THEN PICK IT UP OR THEY CAN GO TO THE PHARMACY WITHOUT A PRESCRIPTION AND GET THE MEDICATION OR THEY CAN GO TO HEALING HEARTS AS A REFERRAL AND GET THE MEDICATION BUT IF WE'RE INTERESTED IN INTRODUCING IT TO THE FORMULA FOR THE HOSPITAL THAT IS POSSIBLE YES MA'AM RIGHT NOW I CAN'T ANSWER THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT WE CAN BECAUSE IT IS A COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE: DO YOU BELIEVE THAT PHYSICIANS AT GMH AND OR ANYWHERE ARE CURRENTLY MANDATED TO REFER SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS TO HEALING HEARTS

DR. KWASI NYAME: CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER, GMHA: IT'S NOT A MANDATE HOWEVER IT IS SOMETHING THAT WE PRACTICE ON A DAILY BASIS ALL THE PHYSICIANS THAT I HAVE WORK IN THE ER AS SOON AS THEY LEARN THAT THESE PATIENTS ARE VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ABUSE THEY GET REFERRED AUTOMATICALLY TO HEALING HEARTS

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE: SO DO YOU THINK WE RUN THE RISK OF WE DON'T MANDATE IT THAT THEY'RE NOT GOING TO DO THAT I GUESS THAT'S REALLY THE DEBATE

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HERE BECAUSE YOU'RE SAYING YOU'RE ALREADY DOING ALL OF THESE THINGS THEY THE PRESCRIPTIONS ALREADY AVAILABLE FROM THE DOCTORS DIRECTLY OR YOUR REFERRALS TO HEALING HEARTS ARE ALREADY HAPPENING BUT THERE'S SOME TESTIMONY THAT WE MAY BE IN DANGER THAT FUTURE GMH POLICY OR FUTURE PHYSICIANS OR SOMEBODY ELSE IS GOING TO STOP THE YOU PHYSICIANS FROM REFERRING TO HEALING HEARTS OR GIVING THE CORRECT INFORMATION REGARDING WHAT'S AVAILABLE TO THESE PERSONS SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS OR GIVING THEM CONTRACEPTION IF THEY REQUEST IT

DR. KWASI NYAME: CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER, GMHA: I THINK THESE ARE QUESTIONS THAT I THINK REQUIRE THOUGHT I JUST DON'T HAVE THE ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS BECAUSE RIGHT NOW WE HAVE A SYSTEM IN PLACE THAT WORKS FOR US I'M HERE MAINLY TO GIVE RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS THAT THE BODY MAY HAVE IN REGARDS TO THE PRACTICE OF HOW PATIENTS ARE TREATED ONCE THEY COME IN WITH SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS BUT I DON'T KNOW IF PASSING THIS LAW WILL CHANGE HOW DOCTORS PRESCRIBE OR HOW DOCTORS TREAT THE PATIENTS THAT IS SOMETHING THAT I CANNOT RIGHT NOW FORESEE OR ANSWER I APOLOGIZE

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT THANK YOU AND THERE'S AND OKAY SO JUST I GUESS I GET I AGREE WITH WOMEN'S AFFAIRS THAT IF HEALING HEARTS IS ALREADY THE EXPERT ON THE MATERIAL EXPERT THEY'VE ALREADY PRODUCED THESE THINGS IN WRITTEN FORMAT AND WE ARE ALREADY MAKING REFERRALS PERHAPS WE DON'T NEED NEW INFORMATION TO BE WRITTEN WITH ALL THESE OTHER ENTITIES INCLUDING PUBLIC HEALTH IS PUBLIC HEALTH PROHIBITED FROM COLLABORATING TO PRODUCE THE WRITTEN INFORMATION RELATED TO THIS YOU'RE NOT PROHIBITED FROM DOING THAT YOU'RE ONLY PROHIBITED FROM TALKING ABOUT IT I GUESS YEAH JAYNE WOULD YOU SAY THAT WE NEED WE NEED ANY MORE WRITTEN INFORMATION OR WE LEAVE THAT TO HEALING HEARTS AND THAT HEALING HEARTS BE MANDATED TO PROVIDE THAT INFORMATION TO ALL PHYSICIANS

JAYNE FLORES: DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF WOMENS AFFAIRS: I DO KNOW THAT HEALING HEARTS DOES PROVIDE IT AND JUST TO DEFEND PUBLIC HEALTH'S POSITION I KNOW THAT U A LOT OF OUR GRANTS WITH THE COALITION AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT AND FAMILY VIOLENCE THAT'S WHY THEY'RE NOT HERE IS BECAUSE THEY ARE FEDERALLY FUNDED AND IF YOU ARE FEDERALLY FUNDED OFTEN TIMES YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO TAKE A POSITION ON ANY BILL BECAUSE OF YOUR FEDERAL FUNDING

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE: YEAH, BUT MY QUESTION WAS ON ANY BILL OR ON ANY BILL OR ANY BILL THAT WHAT KINDS OF BILLS THAT'S WHAT I WANTED IS WHAT IS THAT CRITERIA

JAYNE FLORES: DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF WOMENS AFFAIRS: THAT DEALS WITH YOUR GRANT AND IN THIS CASE IT'S FAMILY PLANNING, SO I DIDN'T MAKE THE RULES SO

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SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE: I KNOW BUT IT JUST SAYS WE'RE RESTRICTED FROM PUBLICLY TESTIFYING PERIOD DOESN'T SAY IN REGARD TO THESE TOPICS OR THOSE TOPICS AND WE HAVE SEEN THEM TESTIFY

JAYNE FLORES: DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF WOMENS AFFAIRS: I'M NOT FEDERALLY FUNDED SO I

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE: I ALL RIGHT SO BUT MY QUESTION WAS IF HEALING HEARTS IS ALREADY PRODUCING THIS INFORMATION DISPERSING THIS INFORMATION AND THERE ARE RECOGNIZED IN OUR COMMUNITY AS EXPERTS IN THIS INFORMATION

JAYNE FLORES: DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF WOMENS AFFAIRS: THAT'S WHY I SAID WE MAY NOT NEED SECTION 4 BUT I THINK WE DO NEED TO CODIFY THE ABILITY OF DOCTORS TO BE ABLE TO OFFER EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION JUST BECAUSE GIVEN THE CLIMATE SURROUNDING WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS IN THIS COUNTRY AT THIS TIME IT'S A PREVENTATIVE MEASURE TO BE ABLE TO CODIFY IT INTO LAW SO THAT IN THE FUTURE LEGISLATURES OR SOME STATE OR SAYS WE'RE NOT GOING TO WE DON'T LIKE THE IDEA OF CONTRACEPTION WE'RE NOT GOING TO ALLOW PEOPLE TO OFFER EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE: THEY WOULD REPEAL THIS LAW RIGHT NOW THERE'S NO NOTHING PROHIBITING IT

JAYNE FLORES: DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF WOMENS AFFAIRS: BUT IT IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE LAW, IT'S A LOT EASIER

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE: NO, YOU HAVE TO GO THEY WOULD HAVE TO PASS A LAW RIGHT SAME ALL RIGHT SI YUUS MAASE TO ALL OF YOU TESTIFYING THANK YOU MADAM

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, CHAIRPERSON-COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND VETERAN'S AFFAIRS: THANK YOU SENATOR TERLAJE I'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE SENATOR SHELLY CALVO OUR MAJORITY WHIP OF THE 30TH GUAM LEGISLATURE WHO IS WITH US TODAY SENATOR TAITAGUE

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR YOU KNOW I DID TOO HAVE A QUESTION REGARDING THE OTHER CLINICS BECAUSE IF YOU ASK ME YOU KNOW MANY OF THE OTHER CLINIC LIKE HEALTHCARE CLINICS FACILITIES THAT THEY ARE SOMETIMES UTILIZED WHEN IT COMES TO YOU KNOW EMERGENCY OR SOMEONE WHO WAS SEXUALLY ASSAULTED THE FIRST PLACE THEY CAN GO IS THE NEAREST ONE AND SOMETIMES IN THE SOUTH IT'S THE CLINIC THERE SO BUT THE BILL DOESN'T SAY THAT IN HERE YOU KNOW THE BILL DOES NOT CLEARLY STATE WITH REGARDS TO OTHER FACILITIES OTHER CLINICS OR COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS IT JUST GOES STRAIGHT INTO EMERGENCY SO IS THIS SOMETHING THAT PUBLIC HEALTH CANNOT YOU KNOW AVAIL THEMSELVES TO IN CASE SOMEBODY COMES INTO ONE OF THEIR FACILITIES OF PUBLIC HEALTH I KNOW YOU CAN'T TESTIFY IN FAVOR OR FOR OR AGAINST BUT YOU CAN

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AT LEAST ASK OUR QUESTIONS RIGHT MADAM CHAIR TO AT LEAST PUBLIC HEALTH IS HERE AT LEAST THEY CAN ANSWER THE QUESTION WHETHER PUBLIC HEALTH IS ABLE TO RECEIVE ANYBODY THAT WHO'S BEEN SEXUALLY ASSAULTED AT ONE OF THEIR CLINICS CAN THEY ANSWER THAT MADAM DIRECTOR ARRIOLA CAN YOU COME TO THE TABLE AND AT LEAST ANSWER THAT ONE QUESTION

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, CHAIRPERSON-COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS: IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO YES OR NO I CAN READ YOUR TESTIMONY INTO THE RECORD IF YOU'D LIKE

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE: BUT IT'S YEAH IT'S JUST A QUESTION HOW DOES YOUR CLINIC ARE OKAY MY MIC KEEPS GOING OFF THERE'S A COMMUNITY LIKE COMMUNITY CENTER NOT CENTERS BUT THE HEALTHCARE SENATORS I MEAN CENTERS OR CLINICS AND UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH THEY RECEIVE ANYBODY WITH THAT'S SEXUALLY BEEN ASSAULTED WHAT HAPPENS IN THAT SITUATION ARE THEY SENT TO GUAM MEMORIAL ARE THEY SENT TO HEALING HEARTS AUTOMATICALLY WHAT HAPPENS AT PUBLIC HEALTH

THERESA ARRIOLA, DIRECTOR-DPHSS: THANK YOU SENATOR FOR YOUR QUESTION SENATOR SABRINA SALAS THERESA ARRIOLA THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES I WOULD PLEASE INDULGE ALL THE SENATORS TO PLEASE READ MY TESTIMONY THAT I SUBMITTED ON BILL ON THIS BILL AND I KINDLY ASK THAT YOU NOT PUT ME IN A POSITION TO SPEAK OF ANYTHING THAT IS GOING TO JEOPARDIZE OUR CURRENT GRANT FOR FAMILY PLANNING SO I'M NOT DOING THIS ON PURPOSE OR BEING VERY YOU KNOW I'M NOT TRYING TO BE DEFIANT I'M JUST TRYING TO PROTECT THE CURRENT GRANT THAT DOESN'T ALLOW ME TO SPEAK ON THIS BEHALF SO I YOU KNOW I'M UP HERE IN THE TABLE BECAUSE I JUST DON'T WANT YOU TO THINK THAT I'M IGNORING THE QUESTION I JUST CAN'T ANSWER IT YOU

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE: OKAY THANK YOU MRS ARRIOLA

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, CHAIRPERSON-COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS: LET ME JUST GO AHEAD AND JUST READ THE TESTIMONY FOR OUR VIEWING AUDIENCE SO THAT THEY ARE AWARE OF WHAT'S HAPPENING RIGHT NOW THIS IS A LETTER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH DATED MAY 13 2025 BILL NO. 24-38 ENACT ADD A NEW CHAPTER 98 TITLE 10 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION FOR SURVIVORS OF RAPE DEAR MADAME CHAIRWOMAN THANK YOU FOR THE INVITATION TO PROVIDE TESTIMONY ON BILL NUMBER 24-38 BUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES IS RESTRICTED FROM PROVIDING PUBLIC SUPPORT OR OPPOSITION TO THIS BILL WHICH IS ONE OF THE MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS OF TITLE 10 FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM BILL NUMBER 24-38 APPEARS TO BE THE REINTRODUCTION OF SENATOR PARKINSON'S BILL NUMBER 7837 IN SEPTEMBER 2023 DPHSS WAS ASKED TO PROVIDE TESTIMONY FOR THE INITIAL BILL HOWEVER AS THE RECIPIENT OF TITLE 10 FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS FOR THE

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MCH AND FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAMS DPHSS IS RESTRICTED FROM PUBLICLY TESTIFYING PLEASE SEE ATTACHED CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE REPORT REGARDING TITLE 10 PROVISIONS ON THE TOP OF PAGE TWO RIGHT COLUMN THIRD BULLET STATES "FUNDS CANNOT BE SPENT ON QUOTE ANY ACTIVITY INCLUDING THE PUBLICATION OR DISTRIBUTION OF LITERATURE THAT IN ANY WAY TENDS TO PROMOTE PUBLIC SUPPORT OR OPPOSITION TO ANY LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL OR CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE." END QUOTE THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING, TERESA C ARRIOLA MBA DIRECTOR

THERESA ARRIOLA, DIRECTOR-DPHSS: AND THAT WAS IN MY PRESENCE HERE SENATORS JUST SO YOU KNOW YOU UNDERSTAND I'M REALLY HERE TO TESTIFY ON THE NEXT BILL AND I YOU KNOW ONLY BECAUSE THE TIME WAS SET AT 2:00 THAT I CAME AT 2:00 BUT I'M REALLY NOT HERE TO TESTIFY OR SPEAK ON BILL 24

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT MADAM CHAIR I JUST LIKE TO NOTE THAT SO THE RULE THAT THEY'RE CITING SAYS THAT THEY CANNOT DO ANY ACTIVITY THAT PROMOTES PUBLIC SUPPORT OR OPPOSITION TO A LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL BUT I THINK A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION IS NEITHER SUPPORT NOR OFF POSITION IT'S SIMPLY INFORMATION THAT SHOULD BE AVAILABLE TO US AND TO THE PUBLIC IN MAKING THESE DECISIONS SI YUUS MAASE

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, CHAIRPERSON-COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS: YEAH ALSO JUST IN THE LETTER SHE INDICATED THAT THIS IS PUBLIC TESTIMONY SO I THINK PERHAPS OFF RECORD ON THE SIDE ASIDE FROM IN THIS PUBLIC FORUM IT APPEARS THAT SHE'D BE WILLING TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU HAVE I PERSONALLY DO NOT WANT TO PUT ANY FEDERAL GRANT MONEY I DON'T WANT TO COMPROMISE ANY FEDERAL GRANT MONEY AT THIS POINT BECAUSE AS WE ALL KNOW THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION THERE'S SEVERAL CUTS THAT ARE PENDING SO I JUST ASK IF WE COULD ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS OFFER YEAH PLEASE

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE: OKAY WELL THAT BEING SAID I WILL BECAUSE I I'M VERY INTERESTED IN THIS THEN I CAN ASK JAYNE FLORES DO YOU RECEIVE ANY FEDERAL FUNDING THAT THAT YOU CAN'T BE HERE TO TESTIFY IN SUPPORT OR AGAINST BECAUSE IT'S OBVIOUS I HEAR THAT WOMEN'S BUREAU DOES GET FUNDING

JAYNE FLORES: DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF WOMENS AFFAIRS: WE RECEIVE FEDERAL FUNDING TO HELP VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT AND FAMILY VIOLENCE WITH SERVICES BUT WE DON'T RECEIVE ANY FUNDING FOR MEDICAL SERVICES AT ALL

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE: SO, YOU'RE EXEMPT SO

JAYNE FLORES: DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF WOMENS AFFAIRS: I'M EXEMPT FROM THIS BILL YES

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE: WELL WE DON'T WANT TO JEOPARDIZE THOSE THAT SCENARIO DO YOU KNOW JAYNE THEN IF YOU CAN TELL ME IF THIS PLAN B MEDICATION

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CAN BE PICKED UP AT ANY PHARMACY ON THE ISLAND YES WE ACTUALLY DID A SURVEY ABOUT A YEAR AND A HALF AGO AND CALLED PHARMACIES AND IT'S IT IS BETWEEN \$35 AND \$50 A PILL OKAY SO AND OR FOR THE SET OF PILLS I'M NOT QUITE SURE HOW MANY YOU HAVE TO TAKE SO

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE: OKAY CAN YOU GET THIS MEDICATION WITHOUT PRESCRIPTION

JAYNE FLORES: DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF WOMENS AFFAIRS: ABSOLUTELY YOU CAN RIGHT SO ANYONE CAN GO AND GET OVER THE COUNTER YES

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE: OKAY AND IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN GUAM BEHAVIORAL WELLNESS CLINIC RECEIVES FUNDING FROM THE EDWARD BURN GRANT ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE EDWARD BURN GRANT OKAY

JAYNE FLORES: DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF WOMENS AFFAIRS: YES

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE: IS THAT IN JEOPARDY OF BEING CUT AS WELL BECAUSE I KNOW THAT SOME OF THESE FUNDS LIKE THE CHAIRPERSON SAID

JAYNE FLORES: DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF WOMENS AFFAIRS: YES, IT IS AS A MATTER-OF-FACT IT IS ONE OF THE GRANTS ON THE LIST THAT WE RECEIVED FROM THE TRUMP BUDGET BILL

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE: IS HEALING HEARTS ALSO RECEIVING THIS MONEY FROM EDWARD BURN GRANT IN OTHER WORDS HOW THEY ARE PAYING FOR THIS

JAYNE FLORES: DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF WOMENS AFFAIRS: I BELIEVE AND I AM NOT THE EXPERT ON THEIR FUNDING BUT I DO BELIEVE THAT HEALING THE BURN GRANT PAYS THE SAINES THE SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAMINERS AND I THINK IT PAYS FOR THE RAPE KITS I'M NOT SURE

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE: WELL SEXUAL ASSAULT AND RAPE

JAYNE FLORES: DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF WOMENS AFFAIRS: SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAMINER IS THEY WHEN A PERSON IS SEXUALLY ASSAULTED THEY GO TO HEALING HEARTS THEY WILL CALL IN SOMEONE WHO IS TRAINED TO CONDUCT A SEXUAL ASSAULT EXAM AND IT'S GOT TO BE EITHER A REGISTERED NURSE A NURSE PRACTITIONER OR A PHYSICIAN THEY ARE SPECIFICALLY TRAINED TO HANDLE THIS AND I'M NOT SURE WHAT THEIR HOURLY RATE IS BUT SOMETIMES THESE EXAMS TAKE SEVERAL HOURS AND SO I THINK THEY ARE PAID BY THE BURN GRANT IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE: SO, THEY WOULD ALSO BE THE ONE TO ADMINISTER ANY KIND OF LIKE THE B PLAN B

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JAYNE FLORES: DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF WOMENS AFFAIRS: CORRECT OR GIVE THEM A PRESCRIPTION IF THEY DON'T HAVE IT BUT I DO KNOW HEALING HEARTS DOES HAVE THE PILL ON HAND

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE: OKAY SO YEAH THAT'S WHAT I WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE EDWARD BURN GRANT BEING CUT AS ONE OF THOSE FEDERAL FUNDS THAT ARE BEING CUT AND HOW IT'S GOING BECAUSE BASICALLY WHEN THEY DO GO TO HEALING HEARTS THIS PRESCRIPTION IS FREE

JAYNE FLORES: DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF WOMENS AFFAIRS: CORRECT

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE: RIGHT OKAY BUT THERE IS THE OPTION TO GO TO PHARMACY WITHOUT A PRESCRIPTION IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THAT AS WELL OKAY BUT

JAYNE FLORES: DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF WOMENS AFFAIRS: YOU WOULD HAVE TO PAY AT A PHARMACY YOU WOULD HAVE TO GO AND PAY IT'S NOT A FREE PRESCRIPTION

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE: OKAY WELL I'M LOOKING FORWARD U MADAM CHAIR TO YOU KNOW OFFLINE SPEAKING WITH PUBLIC HEALTH BECAUSE THE BILL DOES NOT STATE EMERGENCY HEALTHCARE FACILITIES AS PROVIDING COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS OR CERTAIN CLINICS TOO THAT PROVIDE FREE SERVICE SO THIS IS SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO KNOW AS WELL THAT THAT CAN BE MAYBE INCORPORATED LATER INTO THE COMMUNITY REPORT YOU KNOW STATING THAT BUT OTHER THAN THAT THAT'S ALL THE QUESTIONS I HAVE FOR NOW THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, CHAIRPERSON-COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND VETERAN'S AFFAIRS: THANK YOU SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR ADA OKAY SENATOR CALVO

SENATOR SHELLY CALVO: MEMBER THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR NOT REALLY A LOT OF QUESTION AT THE MOMENT I JUST WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY FOR BEING HERE AND FOR YOUR TESTIMONIES AS A WOMAN I DO UNDERSTAND THAT YOU KNOW AN EXTRA LAYER OF PROTECTION IS ALWAYS GOOD ESPECIALLY FOR UNWANTED THINGS THAT YOU KNOW TAKES PLACE YOU KNOW ON YOU KNOW THESE ARE CHALLENGING TIMES FOR VICTIMS RIGHT AND IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT THE LEAST THING ONE WOULD WANT IS TO WORRY ABOUT UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES SO I REALLY DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY I'M JUST THINKING ABOUT ALL THESE VICTIMS AND I THINK THERE SHOULD BE A WAY WHERE WE CAN EXTEND HELP TO THEM AND I KNOW I KNOW THAT THIS BILL IS WELL INTENDED AND THIS IS ONE OF THOSE THINGS THAT THAT WANTS TO PREEMPT ADDITIONAL CHALLENGES IN THE LIFE OF VICTIMS RIGHT BUT AT THIS POINT I I'D LIKE TO KEEP AN OPEN MIND WITH REGARDS TO THIS BILL AND NO QUESTIONS THAT I WANTED TO SAY BUT THANK YOU SI YUUS MAASE MADAM CHAIR

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, CHAIRPERSON-COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS: THANK YOU SENATOR CALVO I DID HAVE JUST A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS MAYBE THAT YOU COULD ANSWER JAYNE THERE WAS JUST NEEDED

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CLARITY IN THE LEGISLATION BECAUSE THERE WASN'T ANY REFERENCE TO AGE AND SO IN YOUR OPINION WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE SHOULD BE THE MINIMUM AGE OF A OF A SURVIVOR THIS EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION SHOULD BE ADMINISTERED TO

JAYNE FLORES: DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF WOMENS AFFAIRS: I AM NOT QUALIFIED I WOULD TURN TO DR NYAME FOR THAT BUT I WOULD THINK THAT IF A VICTIM IS MENSTRUATING THAT THAT THAT WOULD THAT WOULD MAKE IT BECAUSE ESPECIALLY THE YOUNGER THE VICTIM YOU KNOW GOING THROUGH A PREGNANCY WOULD BE DANGEROUS FOR A 10-YEAR-OLD CHILD I WOULD THINK BUT AGAIN I'M GOING TO DEFER TO DR NYAME

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, CHAIRPERSON-COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND VETERAN'S AFFAIRS: DR NYAME

DR. KWASI NYAME:CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER, GMHA: SO PLAN B AND MY WAY ARE SYNTHETIC PROGESTERONE'S IT'S A LARGE DOSE OF PROGESTERONE IF YOU GIVE THAT MEDICATION TO A PATIENT THAT IS NOT A CHILDBEARING AGE OR ADOLESCENCE THERE CAN BE CONSEQUENCES AND SO THE AGE LIMIT IS YOU HAVE TO BE CHILDBEARING THAT IS THE CRITERIA IN ORDER TO MEET IN ORDER TO GIVE THE MEDICATION AS FAR AS A NUMBER UNFORTUNATELY EVERYONE GOES THROUGH MENSTRUATION IN A DIFFERENT AGE AND SO IT'S HARD TO SAY THE NUMBER BUT THE CHILDBEARING AGE IS THE DESCRIPTION FOR THE MEDICATION WHEN YOU GIVE IT

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, CHAIRPERSON-COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND VETERAN'S AFFAIRS: WHAT ARE THE STATS DOES THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL KEEP STATS ON THE PRESCRIPTIONS FOR THIS EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION YOU MENTIONED THAT YOU DON'T GIVETHIS MEDICATION BUT YOU ISSUE PRESCRIPTIONS TO I MEAN YEAH PRESCRIPTIONS DO YOU HAVE STATS ON THAT

DR. KWASI NYAME, CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER, GMHA: I DON'T HAVE STATS AS TO HOW MANY PRESCRIPTIONS ARE GIVEN PER POPULATION I CAN GIVE YOU THAT IN THE YEAR 2025 THERE WERE NINE PATIENTS THAT WERE SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS OF THAT FIVE WERE PEDIATRICS AND THEN FIVE WERE ADULTS PEDIATRICS MEANS LESS THAN 18 YEARS OF AGE AND THEN ADULTS MEANS ABOVE 18 YEARS OF AGE AND THEN IN 2024 WE HAD SEVEN PATIENTS THAT WERE SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS OF THAT THERE WERE FOUR PEDIATRIC PATIENTS AGAIN PEDIATRICS MEANS LESS THAN 18 YEARS OF AGE AND THEN THREE WERE ADULTS AGAIN THAT MEANS ABOVE 18 YEARS OF AGE AND THEN IN 2023 WE HAD THREE PATIENTS THAT WERE SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, CHAIRPERSON-COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND VETERAN'S AFFAIRS: YOU SAID BELOW 18

DR. KWASI NYAME, CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER, GMHA: FOR PEDIATRICS IS BELOW 18 FOR ADULTS IS ABOVE 18 SO THOSE NUMBERS ARE FOR 2025 TOTAL OF NINE PATIENTS OF THAT FIVE WERE PEDIATRICS AND THEN I'M SORRY I APOLOGIZE FOUR SORRY FOUR

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SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, CHAIRPERSON-COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND VETERAN'S AFFAIRS: WHAT IS THE YOUNGEST STAGE IN THE

DR. KWASI NYAME, CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER, GMHA: I'M SO SORRY MADAM WOMAN I DON'T HAVE THAT INFORMATION IT'S STRATIFIED INTO PEDIATRICS AND ADULTS BUT SHE MAY HAVE THAT INFORMATION

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, CHAIRPERSON-COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND VETERAN'S AFFAIRS: I'M SORRY MISS FLORES

JAYNE FLORES: DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF WOMENS AFFAIRS: I'M ACTUALLY ASKING SHIRLEY UNTALAN FROM HEALING HEARTS RIGHT NOW WHAT'S THE YOUNGEST AGE THEY'VE ADMINISTERED PLAN B TO SHE'S SHE CAN'T GIVE THAT ANSWER OFF THE TOP OF HER HEAD I APOLOGIZE BUT I CAN GET THAT INFORMATION FOR YOU I DO WANT TO NOTE THOUGH THAT THE GMH STATISTICS THAT WE GET FROM THEM EVERY YEAR WITH REGARD TO SEXUAL ASSAULT AND FAMILY VIOLENCE WITH REGARD TO THE SEXUAL ASSAULTS IN THE LAST SIX YEARS THE AVERAGE HAS BEEN AROUND 65 TO 70% OF THE VICTIMS OF CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT NOW CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT RUNS THE GAMUT FROM RAPE TO TOUCHING OR BUT MOST OF THE VICTIMS ARE UNDER THE AGE OF 18 MOST OF THEM SO IT IS IMPORTANT TO PROTECT THEM IN ANY WAY SHAPE OR FORM THAT WE POSSIBLY CAN

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, CHAIRPERSON-COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND VETERAN'S AFFAIRS: THANK YOU SENATOR PARKINSON

SENATOR WILLIAM PARKINSON: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR I DON'T I DON'T REALLY HAVE TOO MANY QUESTIONS JUST REALLY SOME STATEMENTS YOU KNOW WHEN I WHEN I THINK ABOUT THE NECESSITY FOR LEGISLATION LIKE THIS I THINK ABOUT HOW THIS WORKS FOR THE END USER FOR THE PEOPLE WHO ARE ACTUALLY GOING THROUGH THIS IN REAL TIME AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT REALLY STICKS OUT TO ME IN THIS IS THE NOTION THAT TIME MATTERS THE HOURS MATTER AND WHEN I THINK ABOUT TIME MATTERING I LOOK AT SOME OF THE ROADBLOCKS TO WOMEN GETTING THIS MEDICATION ONE IS AMBIGUITY IN THE LAW THERE IS NO STANDARDIZED BEST PRACTICES CODIFIED INTO GUAM LAW NOW WE DO THOSE BEST PRACTICES AND GOD BLESS THOSE ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE FIGURED OUT WHAT THESE BEST PRACTICES ARE BUT MY CONCERN IS IF IT'S NOT CODIFIED IT REMAINS AMBIGUOUS MA'AM

JAYNE FLORES: DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF WOMENS AFFAIRS: SENATOR WITH REGARD TO THAT WHAT YOU JUST SAID ABOUT THE END USER ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT I WOULD SEE WITH SOMEONE IS IF GMH IS JUST WRITING THEM A PRESCRIPTION AND THEY HAVE TO TAKE IT TO A PHARMACY AND THEY'RE AN INDIGENT PERSON THEY HAVE

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TO FIND THE MONEY TO PAY FOR THIS THIS DRUG WHEREAS IF YOU GO TO HEALING HEARTS IT'S FREE OR POSSIBLY AT GMH IT SHOULD BE FREE IF THEY IF THEY GET IT THEY GO THROUGH THEIR DRUG COMMITTEE OR WHATEVER TO SO THERE'S A CONSIDERATION THAT'S ONE OF THE BARRIERS IS THAT IF YOU HAVE TO PAY FOR THE DRUG THEN AND IT'S NOT AVAILABLE FOR FREE AND YOU CAN'T COME UP WITH THE MONEY WHAT DO YOU DO YOU'RE THEN YOU HAVE TO POSSIBLY GET PREGNANT FROM YOUR RAPIST

SENATOR WILLIAM PARKINSON: I UNDERSTAND THANK YOU SO MUCH AND THAT'S YEAH THAT'S SOMETHING I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT TOO IS THAT YOU KNOW WHY DO WE CODIFY THESE THINGS IS BECAUSE PART OF THE REASON WE CODIFY GOOD PRACTICES IS BECAUSE YOU KNOW GOOD PRACTICES HAVE TO START SOMEWHERE I THINK ABOUT WAY BACK IN THE HISTORY OF HUMANITY ONCE UPON A TIME IT WAS NOT CODIFIED THAT WE WOULD HAVE THINGS LIKE FIRE DEPARTMENTS YOU KNOW PEOPLE BACK THEN THEY PROBABLY HAD BEST PRACTICES A HOUSE WOULD GO ON FIRE AND THEY'D GO OUT AND PUT SOME WATER ON IT AND EVENTUALLY AS THESE THINGS HAPPENED MORE AND MORE OFTEN WE DECIDED IN THE WISDOM OF THE MASSES THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER TO CODIFY SOME OF THESE GOOD THINGS THAT WE DO FOR SOCIETY NOW WE HAVE ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE FOUND THE BEST PRACTICES FOR HOW TO INTERACT AND INTERFACE AND HELP VICTIMS IN THIS VERY TRAUMATIC TIME AND WE NEED TO START TO STANDARDIZE THOSE THINGS SO THAT WHEN I'M NO LONGER SITTING IN THIS CHAIR AND NONE OF US ARE SITTING IN THIS CHAIR AND IT'S A WHOLE NEW GENERATION OF PEOPLE THE PRACTICES THAT WE TALKED ABOUT TODAY WILL STILL BE IN THE LAW IN THE BOOKS LONG AFTER WE'VE ALL GONE WE DO NOT WRITE LEGISLATION FOR TIMES WE ARE HERE TIMES WE ARE ACTIVELY IN THESE CHAIRS BE WRITING FOR THE TIMES THAT WE ARE NO LONGER HERE AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WHEN I LEAVE THIS OFFICE THAT THERE ARE BEST PRACTICES IN PLACE TO MAKE SURE THAT SURVIVORS ARE TAKEN CARE OF TIME MATTERS WE NEED TO CLEAR UP THIS AMBIGUITY BY CODIFYING THESE LAWS WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THESE MEDICINES CAN BE RECEIVED DIRECTLY BY THE PEOPLE WHO NEED IT I THINK IT'S EX IT'S A REAL DIS SERVICE THAT THE HOSPITAL CANNOT JUST GIVE THIS MEDICATION DIRECTLY TO PEOPLE WHO NEED IT AND I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO BE CHANGED BECAUSE I AGREE WITH MISS FLORES ABOUT HOW YOU'RE LOOKING AT THIS FROM THE END USER I'M GOING IF I'M GOING THROUGH A REAL TRAUMATIC TIME I'M NOT IN MY TIPTOP SHAPE UN PHYSICALLY MENTALLY SPIRITUALLY AND I'M BEING TOLD BOMBARDED WITH ALL THESE INFORMATION WHILE I'M WHILE I'M PROBABLY GOING THROUGH THE WORST DAY OF MY LIFE BY FAR AND I HAVE TO GO AND GET A PRESCRIPTION I MIGHT HAVE TO GO TO HEALING HEARTS I MIGHT NOT HAVE THE MONEY TO DO THIS I MIGHT NOT EVEN HAVE A RIDE WE REALLY UNDERESTIMATE THE KIND OF FINANCIAL STRUGGLE THAT PEOPLE ARE GOING THROUGH AND IF YOU KNOW AND THEM LEAVING THE HOSPITAL THAT DAY OR THE CLINIC OR WHATEVER POINT OF FIRST CONTACT WE REACH THEM AT THAT MIGHT BE THE ONE AND ONLY CHANCE WE HAVE TO PREVENT A CHILD COMING INTO THIS WORLD THAT IS NOT IN THE RIGHT CIRC STANCES NOT UNDER THE BEST CIRC STANCES FOR THE FOR THE WOMAN AND NOT IN THE BEST

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CIRCUMSTANCES FOR THE CHILD THAT COULD COME FROM IT AND NOT IN THE BEST CIRC STANCES OF THE STATE WHO MAY HAVE TO PICK UP THE SLACK WHEN SITUATIONS LIKE THESE FALL THROUGH THE CRACKS AND I SAY THAT WE SHOULD STANDARDIZE THESE LAWS WE SHOULD MAKE SURE THAT POINT PARTS OF POINTS FIRST CONTACT REACH IT BUT WHAT WE'RE DOING IS WE'RE NOT TRYING TO REINVENT THE WHEEL THERE IS PROOF OF CONCEPT THERE ARE 22 STATES THAT HAVE ALREADY DONE THIS SO WE'RE NOT ASKING FOR ANYTHING THAT NO OTHER STATE HAS GOTTEN WE'RE ASKING TO JOIN THE REASONABLE ON HOW TO GET AHEAD OF THIS PROBLEM I WANT TO REITERATE THAT THIS IS NOT ENDING PREGNANCIES THIS IS PREVENTING THEM THIS IS EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION THE FACT THAT IT DOESN'T END PREGNANCIES AND IS NOT CONSIDERED AN EMERGENCY THAT THEY BE CARRIED AT HOSPITALS IS SHOCKING TO ME AND SO I WOULD ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO PLEASE SUPPORT THIS LEGISLATION I AM OPEN TO ANY AND ALL AMENDMENTS TO THIS BILL FOR ME WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS THAT PEOPLE GET THE MEDICINE THAT THEY NEED AND WHATEVER AMENDMENTS WE NEED TO ADD TO THIS BILL TO MAKE SURE THEY GET THAT IF WE WANT TO EXPAND IT BEYOND EMERGENCY ROOMS TO CLINICS I AM A 110% ON BOARD WITH THAT WHATEVER IT TAKES TO GET IT JUST VERY BRIEFLY MA'AM I'D LIKE TO READ OUT SOME NUMBERS REFERRALS FROM HEALING HEARTS JUST SO PEOPLE CAN GET THE SCOPE OF THE PROBLEM WE'RE DEALING WITH IN 2020 THERE WAS 55 REFERRALS IN 2021 THERE WAS 68 IN 2022 THERE WAS 87 IN 2023 THERE WAS 71 IN 2024 THERE WAS 75 I BELIEVE IN 2025 WE'RE UP TO NINE RIGHT NOW AND THE MAJORITY OF THESE PEOPLE ARE MINORS SO WHEN WE STEP IN TO HELP THEM AND PREVENT THESE UNWANTED PREGNANCIES FROM HAPPENING WE ARE NOT JUST HELPING PEOPLE IN THEIR TIME OF TRAUMATIC A WE'RE SAVING FUTURES THAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE DERAILED BY IT SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH MA'AM FOR THIS AND FOR HEARING THIS BILL AND I ONCE AGAIN ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO PLEASE SUPPORT THIS LEGISLATION THANK YOU VERY MUCH

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, CHAIRPERSON-COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS: THANK YOU SENATOR PARKINSON AND I'LL ALSO JUST ADD TO THAT THAT THOSE ARE JUST THE CASES THAT ARE REPORTED YOU CAN ONLY IMAGINE THE ONES ARE NOT THAT ARE NOT BEING REPORTED SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU DID HAVE ONE MORE COMMENT YOU WANTED TO MAKE

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE: YES THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR IT'S JUST FOR THE RECORD YOU KNOW WHEN WE GO INTO THE MARKUP MEETING ON THIS LEGISLATION IS TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE WE DO OUR PART IN IN FINDING OUT IF WE CODIFY THIS LEGISLATION THAT WE MAY LOSE OUT ON ANY FEDERAL FUNDING THAT'S PROVIDED THAT HAD HAPPENED IN THE PAST BEFORE WHEN SOME LEGISLATION THAT USED TO BE FUNDED BY FEDERAL GRANTS AND THEN WHEN WE CODIFIED IT WE LOST ANY OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE FEDERAL FUNDING SO IF THE COMMITTEE CAN LOOK INTO THAT I DON'T WANT TO LOSE ANY OPPORTUNITIES THAT WAY THANK YOU

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, CHAIRPERSON-COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS: THANK YOU I APPRECIATE THAT SENATOR TAITAGUE AND

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THANK YOU SENATOR PARKINSON WE ARE NOW CONCLUDING TESTIMONY ON BILL 24
THANK YOU MISS FLORES THANK YOU DR NYAME THANK YOU CHRISTINE WE ARE NOW
GOING TO ACCEPT TESTIMONY ON BILL 76 INTRODUCED BY SPEAKER FRANK BLOSS JR
AN ACT RELATIVE TO EMERGENCY CARE IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY AT THIS TIME I ASK
THOSE WHO SIGNED UP TO

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 3:40 P.M.

III. Findings and Recommendations

The Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs finds the urgent need for standardized care for sexual assault survivors, ensuring they are informed about and have access to emergency contraception. The recommendations include incorporating over-the-counter options and refining the bill's language to accurately reflect medical practices.

The Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs hereby reports out on Bill No. 24-38 (COR) As amended- William A. Parkinson - AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 98 TO TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION FOR SURVIVORS OF RAPE with the recommendation **TO REPORT OUT ONLY**

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Bill No. 24-38 (COR)

Introduced by:

William A. Parkinson



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EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION FOR SURVIVORS OF
RAPE.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. A *new* Chapter 98 is *added* to Title 10, Guam Code Annotated to
read:

“CHAPTER 98

EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION FOR SURVIVORS OF RAPE

ACT

Section 1. Definitions. As used in this Chapter, the following terms shall
mean:

(a) “emergency care to sexual assault victims” means a medical
examination, procedure, or service provided by an emergency health care
facility to a sexual assault victim following an alleged sexual offense.

(b) “emergency contraception” means one (1) or more prescription
drugs to prevent pregnancy, used separately or in combination, administered
to or self-administered by a patient within a medically recommended time
after sexual intercourse, dispensed for that purpose in accordance with

1 professional standards of practice and determined to be safe by the United
2 States Food and Drug Administration.

3 (c) “emergency health care facility” means a general hospital or
4 satellite emergency department licensed under Guam law.

5 (d) “medically and factually accurate and objective” means verified
6 or supported by the weight of research conducted in compliance with
7 accepted scientific methods and standards, published in peer-reviewed
8 journals and recognized as accurate and objective by leading professional
9 organizations and agencies with relevant expertise in the field of obstetrics
10 and gynecology.

11 (e) “sexual assault victim” means a female who alleges or is alleged
12 to have suffered a personal, physical, or psychological injury as a result of a
13 sexual offense.

14 (f) “sexual offense” means criminal sexual conduct as defined in 9
15 GCA Chapter 25.

16 **Section 2. Provision of Emergency Care to Sexual Assault Victim.**

17 An emergency health care facility shall provide emergency care to a sexual
18 assault victim. It shall be the standard of care for an emergency health care facility
19 to:

20 (a) provide each sexual assault victim with medically and factually
21 accurate and objective oral and written information about emergency
22 contraception and sexually transmitted diseases, as provided for in Section 3
23 of this Chapter;

24 (b) orally inform each sexual assault victim of her option to be
25 provided emergency contraception at the health care facility; and

26 (c) provide emergency contraception to the sexual assault victim,
27 upon her request, unless contraindicated. If the emergency contraceptive is in

1 the form of pills, the provision of the emergency contraception shall include
2 the initial dose that the victim may take at the emergency health care facility,
3 as well as the follow-up dose that the victim can self-administer later.

4 An emergency health care facility shall not be required to provide emergency
5 contraception to a sexual assault victim who is pregnant.”

6 **Section 3. Policies, Procedures Concerning Personnel Training.**

7 An emergency health care facility shall have written policies and procedures
8 to ensure that all personnel who provide care or information to a sexual assault
9 victim:

10 (a) are trained to provide medically and factually accurate and
11 objective information about emergency contraception and sexually
12 transmitted diseases to a sexual assault victim; and

13 (b) provide that information to a sexual assault victim.

14 **Section 4. Written Information Relative to Emergency Contraception**
15 **for Sexual Assault Victims.**

16 The Director of Public Health and Social Services, in collaboration with the
17 Director of the Bureau of Women’s Affairs, the Guam Sexual Assault Response
18 Team, and the Guam Coalition against Sexual Assault and Family Violence, shall
19 develop, prepare, and produce written information relating to emergency
20 contraception for the prevention of pregnancy in sexual assault victims; and sexually
21 transmitted diseases.

22 The information shall be clearly written and readily comprehensible in a
23 culturally competent manner, as the Director, in collaboration with the Bureau of
24 Women’s Affairs, the Guam Sexual Assault Response Team, and the Guam
25 Coalition against Sexual Assault and Family Violence, deems necessary to inform a
26 sexual assault victim. The information shall explain the nature of emergency
27 contraception, the effectiveness of emergency contraception in preventing

1 pregnancy, where emergency contraception can be obtained, and treatment options;
2 and the symptoms and effects of sexually transmitted diseases, and treatment
3 options. The information shall be distributed to all hospital and satellite emergency
4 departments for use in those facilities.”

5 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective upon enactment.

6 **Section 3. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any
7 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or inorganic, such invalidity shall not
8 affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without
9 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are
10 severable.

I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2025 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 24-38 (COR)

As amended by the Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs

Introduced by:

William A. Parkinson

**AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW CHAPTER 98 TO TITLE 10,
GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO
EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION FOR SURVIVORS OF
RAPE.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. A new Chapter 98 *is added* to Title 10, Guam Code Annotated to
read as follows:

“CHAPTER 98

EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION FOR SURVIVORS OF RAPE

ACT

§ 98101. Definitions. As used in this Chapter, the following terms shall
mean:

(a) emergency care to sexual assault victims means a medical
examination, procedure, or service provided by an emergency health care
facility to a sexual assault victim following an alleged sexual offense.

(b) emergency contraception means one (1) or more prescription drugs to
prevent pregnancy, used separately or in combination, administered to or
self-administered by a patient within a medically recommended time after
sexual intercourse, dispensed for that purpose in accordance with

1 professional standards of practice and determined to be safe by the United
2 States Food and Drug Administration.

3 (c) emergency health care facility means a general hospital or
4 satellite emergency department licensed under Guam law.

5 (d) medically and factually accurate and objective means verified or
6 supported by the weight of research conducted in compliance with accepted
7 scientific methods and standards, published in peer-reviewed journals and
8 recognized as accurate and objective by leading professional organizations
9 and agencies with relevant expertise in the field of obstetrics and gynecology.

10 (e) sexual assault victim means a female who alleges or is alleged to
11 have suffered a personal, physical, or psychological injury as a result of a
12 sexual offense.

13 (f) sexual offense means criminal sexual conduct as defined in 9
14 GCA Chapter 25.

15 **§ 98102. Provision of Emergency Care to Sexual Assault Victim.**

16 An emergency health care facility shall provide emergency care to a sexual
17 assault victim. It shall be the standard of care for an emergency health care facility
18 to:

19 (a) provide each sexual assault victim with medically and factually
20 accurate and objective oral and written information about emergency
21 contraception and sexually transmitted diseases, as provided for in Section 3
22 of this Chapter;

23 (b) orally inform each sexual assault victim of her option to be
24 provided emergency contraception at the health care facility; and

25 (c) provide emergency contraception to the sexual assault victim,
26 upon her request, unless contraindicated. If the emergency contraceptive is in
27 the form of pills, the provision of the emergency contraception shall include

1 the initial dose that the victim may take at the emergency health care facility,
2 as well as the follow-up dose that the victim can self-administer later.

3 An emergency health care facility shall not be required to provide emergency
4 contraception to a sexual assault victim who is pregnant.”

5 **§ 98103. Policies, Procedures Concerning Personnel Training.**

6 An emergency health care facility shall have written policies and procedures
7 to ensure that all personnel who provide care or information to a sexual assault
8 victim:

9 (a) are trained to provide medically and factually accurate and
10 objective information about emergency contraception and sexually
11 transmitted diseases to a sexual assault victim; and

12 (b) provide that information to a sexual assault victim.

13 **§ 98104. Written Information Relative to Emergency Contraception**
14 **for Sexual Assault Victims.**

15 The Director of Public Health and Social Services, in collaboration with the
16 Director of the Bureau of Women’s Affairs, the Guam Sexual Assault Response
17 Team, and the Guam Coalition against Sexual Assault and Family Violence, shall
18 develop, prepare, and produce written information relating to emergency
19 contraception for the prevention of pregnancy in sexual assault victims; and sexually
20 transmitted diseases.

21 The information shall be clearly written and readily comprehensible in a
22 culturally competent manner, as the Director, in collaboration with the Bureau of
23 Women’s Affairs, the Guam Sexual Assault Response Team, and the Guam
24 Coalition against Sexual Assault and Family Violence, deems necessary to inform a
25 sexual assault victim. The information shall explain the nature of emergency
26 contraception, the effectiveness of emergency contraception in preventing
27 pregnancy, where emergency contraception can be obtained, and treatment options;

1 and the symptoms and effects of sexually transmitted diseases, and treatment
2 options. The information shall be distributed to all hospital and satellite emergency
3 departments for use in those facilities.”

4 **Section 2.** A new paragraph (l) is *added* to § 163.40, Chapter 163, Title 8,
5 Guam Code Annotated to read as follows:

6 “(l) to have access to emergency contraception as provided for by Chapter 98,
7 Title 10, Guam Code Annotated.”

8 **Section 3 Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective upon enactment.

9 **Section 4. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any
10 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or inorganic, such invalidity shall not
11 affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without
12 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are
13 severable.

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Section 1. A ~~new-new~~ Chapter 98 ~~is added is added~~ to Title 10, Guam Code

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EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION FOR SURVIVORS OF RAPE

ACT

§ 98101Section 1. Definitions. As used in this Chapter, the following terms shall mean:

(a) “emergency care to sexual assault victims” means a medical examination, procedure, or service provided by an emergency health care facility to a sexual assault victim following an alleged sexual offense.

(b) “emergency contraception” means one (1) or more prescription drugs to prevent pregnancy, used separately or in combination, administered to or self-administered by a patient within a medically recommended time after sexual intercourse, dispensed for that purpose in accordance with

1 professional standards of practice and determined to be safe by the United
2 States Food and Drug Administration.

3 (c) “emergency health care facility” means a general hospital or
4 satellite emergency department licensed under Guam law.

5 (d) “medically and factually accurate and objective” means verified
6 or supported by the weight of research conducted in compliance with
7 accepted scientific methods and standards, published in peer-reviewed
8 journals and recognized as accurate and objective by leading professional
9 organizations and agencies with relevant expertise in the field of obstetrics
10 and gynecology.

11 (e) “sexual assault victim” means a female who alleges or is alleged
12 to have suffered a personal, physical, or psychological injury as a result of a
13 sexual offense.

14 (f) “sexual offense” means criminal sexual conduct as defined in 9
15 GCA Chapter 25.

16 **§ 98102Section 2. Provision of Emergency Care to Sexual Assault Victim.**

17 An emergency health care facility shall provide emergency care to a
18 sexual assault victim. It shall be the standard of care for an emergency health care
19 facility to:

20 (a) provide each sexual assault victim with medically and factually
21 accurate and objective oral and written information about emergency
22 contraception and sexually transmitted diseases, as provided for in Section 3
23 of this Chapter;

24 (b) orally inform each sexual assault victim of her option to be
25 provided emergency contraception at the health care facility; and

26 (c) provide emergency contraception to the sexual assault victim,
27 upon her request, unless contraindicated. If the emergency contraceptive is in

1 the form of pills, the provision of the emergency contraception shall include
2 the initial dose that the victim may take at the emergency health care facility,
3 as well as the follow-up dose that the victim can self-administer later.

4 An emergency health care facility shall not be required to provide emergency
5 contraception to a sexual assault victim who is pregnant.”

6 **§ 98103Section 3. Policies, Procedures Concerning Personnel Training.**

7 An emergency health care facility shall have written policies and procedures
8 to ensure that all personnel who provide care or information to a sexual assault
9 victim:

10 (a) are trained to provide medically and factually accurate and
11 objective information about emergency contraception and sexually
12 transmitted diseases to a sexual assault victim; and

13 (b) provide that information to a sexual assault victim.

14 **§ 98104Section 4. Written Information Relative to Emergency**
15 **Contraception for Sexual Assault Victims.**

16 The Director of Public Health and Social Services, in collaboration with the
17 Director of the Bureau of Women’s Affairs, the Guam Sexual Assault Response
18 Team, and the Guam Coalition against Sexual Assault and Family Violence, shall
19 develop, prepare, and produce written information relating to emergency
20 contraception for the prevention of pregnancy in sexual assault victims; and sexually
21 transmitted diseases.

22 The information shall be clearly written and readily comprehensible in a
23 culturally competent manner, as the Director, in collaboration with the Bureau of
24 Women’s Affairs, the Guam Sexual Assault Response Team, and the Guam
25 Coalition against Sexual Assault and Family Violence, deems necessary to inform a
26 sexual assault victim. The information shall explain the nature of emergency
27 contraception, the effectiveness of emergency contraception in preventing

1 pregnancy, where emergency contraception can be obtained, and treatment options;
2 and the symptoms and effects of sexually transmitted diseases, and treatment
3 options. The information shall be distributed to all hospital and satellite emergency
4 departments for use in those facilities.”

5 **Section 2.** A new paragraph (1) is added to § 163.40, Chapter 163, Title 8,
6 Guam Code Annotated to read as follows:

7 “(1) to have access to emergency contraception as provided for by Chapter 98,
8 Title 10, Guam Code Annotated.”

9 **Section 3-4 Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective upon enactment.

10 **Section 43. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any
11 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or inorganic, such invalidity shall not
12 affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without
13 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are
14 severable.



COMMITTEE ON RULES

Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada, Chairperson
I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
38th Guam Legislature

February 28, 2025

To: **Rennae V. C. Meno**
Clerk of the Legislature

From: **Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada** 
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Subject: **Fiscal Note for Bill No. 24-38 (COR)**

Håfa Adai!

Find the attached, Fiscal Note for the following bill:

Bill No. 24-38 (COR).

I also request that the same be sent to the respective Chairperson of the Standing Committee, to which this bill has been referred. Kindly forward the same to Management Information Services (MIS) for posting on our website.



**Bureau of Budget & Management Research
Fiscal Note of Bill No. 24-38 (COR)**

AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 98 OF TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION FOR SURVIVORS OF RAPE.

Department/Agency Appropriation Information

Dept./Agency Affected: Department of Public Health & Social Services	Dept./Agency Head: Theresa C Arriola, Director
Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date: Operations (\$58,150,402); Health Insurance Premiums for Foster Children (\$2,359,215); Child Protective Services Program (\$2,220,129); Bureau of Social Services Administration (\$7,558,215); Miscellaneous Appropriation for Grants for Homelessness (\$500,000)	\$70,787,961
Department's Other Fund appropriation(s) to date: Environmental Health Fund (\$1,415,223); Health Professional Licensing Office Revolving Fund (\$338,801); Office of Vital Statistics Revolving Fund (\$225,014); DPHSS Sanitary Inspection Revolving Fund (\$424,986); Healthy Futures Fund for Guam Cancer Registry (\$389,144)	\$2,793,168
Total Department/Agency Appropriation(s) to date:	\$73,581,129

Fund Source Information of Proposed Appropriation

	General Fund:	(Specify Special Fund):	Total:
FY 2024 Unreserved Fund Balance		\$0	\$0
FY 2025 Adopted Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0
FY 2025 Appro. (P.L. 37-125)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub-total:	\$0	\$0	\$0
Less appropriation in Bill	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total:	\$0	\$0	\$0

Estimated Fiscal Impact of Bill

	One Full Fiscal Year	For Remainder of FY 2025 (if applicable)	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Special Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total 1/	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

- Does the bill contain "revenue generating" provisions? / / Yes / X/ No
If Yes, see attachment
- Is amount appropriated adequate to fund the intent of the appropriation? / X/ N/A / / Yes / / No
If no, what is the additional amount required? \$ _____ / X/ N/A
- Does the Bill establish a new program/agency? / / Yes / X/ No
If yes, will the program duplicate existing programs/agencies? / / N/A / / Yes / X/ No
Is there a federal mandate to establish the program/agency? / / Yes / X/ No
- Will the enactment of this Bill require new physical facilities? / / Yes / X/ No
- Was Fiscal Note coordinated with the affected dept/agency? If no, indicate reason: / X/ Yes / / No
/ X/ Requested agency comments not received by due date / / Other:

Analyst:  Tyler Bautista, BMA II	Date: 02/20/2025	Director:  Lester L. Carlson, Jr., Director	Date: FEB 27 2025
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Notes:
1/ See attached comments.

BUREAU OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT RESEARCH
COMMENTS ON BILL NO. 24-38 (COR)

The proposed legislation intends to add a new Chapter 98 to Title 10, Guam Code Annotated relative to establishing a policy for emergency contraception for survivors of rape. The proposed legislation states that an emergency health care facility shall provide emergency care to include: 1) providing the sexual assault victim with medically and factually accurate and objective oral and written information about emergency contraception and sexually transmitted diseases; 2) orally inform the sexual assault victim of the option for emergency contraception; and 3) provide emergency contraception upon the victim's request, unless contraindicated.

The proposed legislation further states that emergency health care facilities shall have written policies and procedures to ensure all personnel who provide care or information to a sexual assault victim are trained appropriately. In addition, the Director of the Department of Public Health & Social Services (DPHSS), in collaboration with the Bureau of Women's Affairs, the Guam Sexual Assault Response Team, and the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence, shall develop, prepare, and produce written information relating to emergency contraception for the prevention of pregnancy in sexual assault victims and sexually transmitted diseases.

Absent information from DPHSS regarding the subject matter, the Bureau is unable to determine a financial impact at this time.