



TERRITORY OF GUAM
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AGAÑA, GUAM 96910
U. S. A.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2002-06

**RELATIVE TO CERTIFYING FUNDS AND
AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES TO ISSUE
MEDICALLY INDIGENT PROGRAM CARDS FOR THE
MONTH OF MARCH, 2002.**

WHEREAS, Public Law No. 26-35 restricts the heads of agencies from certifying funds in excess of any allotment assigned to that agency at any time during the execution of the approved budget; and

WHEREAS, Public Law No. 26-75, vetoed and overridden, purports to appropriate funds for the operations of the Medically Indigent Program (MIP) for each separate month from March through September, 2002; and

WHEREAS, the language of that public law restricts the agency head of the Department of Public Health and Social Services from authorizing the issuance of MIP cards to clients for the month of March, 2002; and

WHEREAS, Substitute Bill No. 278 made a necessary amendment to the defective language of Public Law No. 26-76, however, that legislation will not become a public law until March 24, 2002; and

WHEREAS, Substitute Bill No. 278, while making corrective language, still did not appropriate enough money to cover MIP payments for the month of March, 2002, or for the balance of the Fiscal Year, since the program requires an additional Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000) to operate; and

WHEREAS, While the Governor can authorize the payment of MIP for the month of March by certifying the last available funds, without additional legislative action, no further authorization for payments can be made for the month of April, 2002, or for any month thereafter due to lack of funds; and

WHEREAS, under the power of the Governor to provide for the health of the people of Guam as cited in the Organic Act of Guam, it is necessary for the Governor to certify funds and authorize the issuance of the MIP cards for the month of March, 2002;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CARL T.C. GUTIERREZ, I Maga'Lahen Guåhan, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do order:

1. **Authorization of the issuance of Medically Indigent Program Cards for the month of March, 2002.** Pursuant to the provisions of the Organic Act of Guam, the Governor of Guam certifies that funds will be available for the month of March, 2002 for the Medically Indigent Program, and authorizes the Department of Public Health and Social Services to issue



Medically Indigent Program cards to the clients of the program for the month of March, 2002. No further authorization of MIP cards can be made without further legislative action to address the shortfall of funds.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam this 14th day of March, 2002.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carl T. C. Gutierrez", written over a horizontal line.

CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ
I Maga'Lahen Guåhan
Governor of Guam