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GMHA Receives New Chillers to Combat Mold Issues and Improve Facility Infrastructure

(Friday, October 31, 2025; Tamuning, Guam) The Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA) is taking a significant step forward in its efforts to address long-standing environmental challenges and enhance its infrastructure. The hospital has recently received two 450-ton chillers, which will play a pivotal role in mitigating mold issues that have affected the hospital's air quality and patient care environment. Installation of the chillers is set to begin in November 2025.

In addition to the 450-ton chillers, GMHA is anticipating the arrival of another 265-ton chiller and three air-cooled condensing units by the end of the year. These new systems are part of a broader capital improvement initiative aimed at upgrading GMHA's aging infrastructure, improving air conditioning reliability, and maintaining a safer, more comfortable environment for both patients and healthcare professionals.

Dr. Joleen M. Aguon, Interim Administrator and CEO of GMHA, shared a personal reflection on the progress. "This is a big step for our hospital and for the people we serve. We know how important it is for our patients, staff, and families to have a safe and comfortable environment, and these new chillers are a significant part of making that happen. Addressing the mold and humidity challenges that have plagued us for years is something we take very seriously. Every upgrade we make brings us closer to the hospital our people deserve," Dr. Aguon said.

The new equipment is part of a larger strategy to modernize the hospital's infrastructure, addressing some of the key operational challenges it faces.

Governor Lou Leon Guerrero emphasized that while a new hospital is the long-term solution, the community must continue to work with the current facility's limitations. "We understand that a new hospital is what our people truly need, and that vision is still a priority. In the meantime, we are





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committed to doing everything we can to improve the conditions at GMHA. These new chillers are an important part of that effort, and we will continue to support our hospital as it works to address these challenges head-on,” said Governor Leon Guerrero.

Lieutenant Governor Joshua Tenorio focused on the broader impact these improvements will have. “These upgrades aren’t just about fixing one part of the hospital—they’re about investing in the long-term sustainability of our healthcare system. We know the current hospital has its limitations, but these capital improvements will help us provide better care while we work towards building a new facility,” said Lieutenant Governor Tenorio.

The capital improvement project is a critical part of GMHA’s ongoing efforts to modernize its infrastructure and improve the quality of care for the people of Guam. By addressing key operational challenges and investing in new, more efficient systems, these upgrades will not only enhance patient comfort and safety but also improve the hospital’s long-term sustainability. As GMHA continues to navigate the complex needs of our growing community, these improvements represent a crucial step in ensuring the hospital can continue to provide quality care in the years to come.

For more updates on this project and other GMHA endeavors, follow the GMHA Facebook Page and Instagram account (GMHA_Guam).

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