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Progress Update: Facility Improvements Advance Across Our Hospital

(Tamuning, Guam; January 6, 2026) — The Guam Memorial Hospital Authority continues to make steady progress on multiple facility improvement projects focused on maintaining a safe, functional, and supportive environment for patients, families, and staff as the hospital moves forward.

Roof and Envelope Revitalization Project

Over the past several weeks, exterior surface preparation and repairs have been underway in key areas of the hospital, including the Intensive Care Unit, Chief Medical Examiner area, Pediatrics, and the Medical Telemetry Unit in B Wing. Given the scope of exterior repairs, work will continue into next week. Once repairs are completed, these areas will receive a fresh coat of paint.

Upcoming surface preparation work is planned for the rear exterior of the Emergency Department, as well as the back areas of the Medical Surgical and Surgical Units.

Parking Expansion Project

Work continues on the Parking Expansion Project, with the area now fully enclosed and construction activities underway. The Guam Environmental Protection Agency has completed its inspection, clearing the way for earthwork to begin, including the use of heavy equipment.

Hospital Chillers Project

Installation of new hospital chiller components is ongoing as part of efforts to strengthen and modernize critical cooling systems that support patient care areas and hospital operations. Work is progressing in phases, with continued activity expected as installation and integration efforts move forward.

Operating Room Unit Floor Care

Over the past several weeks, the Environmental Services team completed stripping and waxing of floors throughout the Operating Room Unit, including Operating Rooms One through Four, the Assessment Room,





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Nurse Station, Pre Operative Room and Hallway, Side Hallway, and Recovery Room. The back hallway will be scheduled for floor care in the coming weeks.

Intensive Care Unit Floor Care

The Environmental Services team also completed floor stripping and waxing in Intensive Care Unit rooms Five, Eight, Nine, Ten, Eleven, and Twelve, along with the nurse station and hallways.

As the hospital transitions into the new year, floor stripping and waxing will be scheduled for all patient care units.

“Every improvement, no matter how small it may seem, can make a meaningful difference for the patients and staff who rely on our hospital,” said GMHA Interim Chief Executive Officer and Administrator Dr. Joleen M. Aguon. “Our teams are working through aging infrastructure with care and persistence, making sure that people receive safe, dignified care today while we continue planning for the future our community deserves.”

Governor Lou Leon Guerrero emphasized the importance of addressing current needs while advancing long term solutions. “As we move forward with plans for a new hospital, we also have a responsibility to take care of the facility we have today,” she said. “These improvements reflect the work that must be done now to ensure patients and healthcare workers have a safe and functional environment while we build toward the future.”

Lieutenant Governor Josh Tenorio highlighted the role of these projects in strengthening system stability. “Maintaining and improving hospital facilities is essential to supporting frontline staff and ensuring continuity of care,” he said. “These efforts demonstrate a commitment to resilience and responsible stewardship of our public hospital.”

GMHA remains committed to advancing facility improvements that support patient safety, staff efficiency, and long-term sustainability.

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