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## GMHA Reaches Major Milestone in Hospital Chiller Replacement Project

**(Tamuning, Guam; January 28, 2026)** — The Guam Memorial Hospital Authority reached an important milestone in the hospital's Chiller Replacement Project, a critical infrastructure effort that supports safe, reliable patient care and healthy environmental conditions throughout the facility.

One of the hospital's two existing 450 ton chillers has been successfully removed, and installation is now underway for a new 450 ton chiller. Hospital chillers play a vital role in regulating temperature and humidity across patient care areas, supporting sensitive medical equipment, and maintaining indoor conditions that contribute to infection control and reduce moisture related risks, particularly in high acuity settings where environmental stability is essential to patient safety.

"This work may be happening behind the scenes, but it directly affects every patient and every staff member inside this hospital," said GMHA Interim Chief Executive Officer and Administrator Dr. Joleen M. Aguon. "Reliable cooling and environmental control help protect patient health, support infection prevention, and create safer healing spaces. Replacing aging chillers is an important step in caring for the people who depend on this hospital and supporting the staff who serve our island every day."

Governor Lou Leon Guerrero emphasized the importance of maintaining essential hospital infrastructure while planning for Guam's healthcare future. "Strengthening critical systems like hospital chillers is part of doing what must be done now," she said. "These improvements help ensure patients and healthcare workers have a safe, dependable environment while we continue building toward long term solutions."

Lieutenant Governor Josh Tenorio highlighted the role of infrastructure in sustaining patient care. "Environmental control systems are foundational to safe hospital operations," he said. "Investments in projects like chiller replacement support infection control, operational stability, and the hospital's ability to serve the community."





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The Chiller Replacement Project is part of GMHA's ongoing efforts to address aging infrastructure, strengthen environmental controls, and reinforce the systems that support continuous patient care, staff safety, and hospital operations.

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