

§ 2822. Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

(a) “Chief Executive Officer” means a professional person with education and experience in Healthcare Management hired by the Board of Trustees as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to manage the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation in the Commonwealth.

(b) “Clinics” means the Tinian Health Center, Rota Health Center, the Women’s Clinic and the Children’s Clinic and other related public health facilities providing healthcare and medical services in the Commonwealth.

(c) “Corporation” means the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation established pursuant to this Chapter.

(d) “Date of transfer” means the date on which the CNMI Office of the Governor formally relinquishes the administration and operation of the Off-Island Medical Referral Program as described in Executive Order No. 2013-09, to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation.

(e) “Health care professionals” means doctors, nurses, and those persons licensed or certified to practice in the Commonwealth.

(f) “Hospital” means the Commonwealth Health Center on Saipan, and such ancillary public health facilities as may from time to time be established in the Commonwealth.

(g) “Health Network Program” is an integrated service of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation, which connects patients to CHCC’s network of providers, and provides assistance to eligible patients with demonstrated needs in accessing healthcare services outside the CNMI that are beyond the capacity or availability of CHCC.

(h) “Trustee” means the Board of Trustees of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation established pursuant to this Chapter.

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