

**§ 2824. Corporate Powers.**

The Corporation shall have the following powers:

(a) Oversee the management and operations of the Division of Public Health, the hospital on Saipan and the clinics in the Commonwealth in accordance with this Chapter;

(b) Maintain and operate healthcare facilities in the Commonwealth and provide acute and chronic healthcare services within the Commonwealth and, to the extent consistent with the certificate of need program, privatize the management and delivery of healthcare and health related services in the Commonwealth through performance management contracts and other types of agreements with healthcare and medical service management companies or corporations;

(c) Establish a schedule of market oriented fees to meet its cost of operations and other expenditures at all of its facilities in the Commonwealth for providing healthcare and medical services, and other related services;

(d) Prepare and oversee the development and implementation of a multi-year strategic plan that conforms with this Chapter to make the Corporation self sustaining;

(e) Acquire real property from the Department of Public Lands and other persons, subject to the laws of the CNMI, by grant, purchase, gift, devise, or lease, and hold and use any such real property necessary for future expansion of its facilities and for other related uses to further the Corporation's interest and objectives;

(f) Establish its internal organization and management;

(g) Adopt its procurement and supply regulations for the purchase of goods, materials, supplies, and other commodities, and to contract other services as may be needed or required;

(h) Adopt an official seal;

(i) Sue or be sued in its corporate name;

(j) Employ, retain, or contract the services of professionals, firms, or organizations required to further the interests of the Corporation;

(k) Develop and adopt a personnel system, including a comprehensive compensation plan, which shall be independent of the civil service system, and shall be competitive;

(l) Adopt rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this Chapter;

(m) Adopt and maintain a system of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and practiced by successful healthcare organizations in the United States;

(n) Adopt and maintain a financial management system relative to all funds received and expended by the Corporations. This shall include timely billings and collections of account receivables from patients, or from their medical insurance

providers (private, government, Medicaid or Medicare) for healthcare and medical services rendered;

(o) Prepare, adopt, amend, or repeal its bylaws;

(p) Borrow money and provide security in connection with such borrowing, from any private or public source, either within the Commonwealth or the United States, if it is necessary or required to support and fulfill its obligations in accordance with this Chapter;

(q) Establish by regulation a policy for the Corporation to administer a subsidy program which will enable the Corporation to provide healthcare and medical services to low income individuals;

(r) Assist any low income individuals requiring medical treatment to obtain Medicaid assistance from the Medicaid Office; and

(s) Participate and assist in the creation of an independent charitable foundation that operates for the primary benefit of improving health care within the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation. The charitable foundation shall be governed separately from CHCC. Except for one CHCC trustee, the board of directors for the foundation shall not include any active employees or trustees of CHCC. The CEO of CHCC or designee may serve as a nonvoting member of the foundation board of directors; and

(t) Do any and all other things necessary to help fulfill the provisions of this Chapter.

**Source:** PL 16-51 § 3(2804) (Jan. 15, 2010); (w) enacted and former (w) renumbered by PL 19-56 §§ 2, 7, 8 (July 27, 2016), modified; repealed and reenacted by PL 19-78 § 2 (Jan. 14, 2017), modified; subsec. (s) amended by PL 23-21 § 2 (July 18, 2024), modified.

**Commission Comment:** [Historical comments removed.]

In codifying PL 19-78, the Commission inserted “and” at the end of (r) and corrected manifest clerical and typographical errors throughout pursuant to 1 CMC § 3806(g).

In codifying PL 23-21, the Commission amended subsec. (s) and renumbered the remaining subsections pursuant to 1 CMC § 3806(a).