

**§ 2839. Transition.**

(a) The date of transfer of the Off-Island Medical Referral Program as described in Executive Order No. 2013-09, to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation, shall be within 120 days from January 31, 2023.

(b) Before the date of transfer, the Office of the Governor shall transfer all records and property of the Off-Island Medical Referral Program to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation.

(c) Before the date of transfer, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation may offer employment to employees of the Off-Island Medical Referral Program who have a satisfactory performance rating. The Office of Personnel Management shall release the official personnel file to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation for any employees of the former Off-Island Medical Referral Program, and CHCC Human Resources Office shall be the custodian of these official personnel files. Any employees of the former Medical Referral Program who accept the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation's employment offer shall be classified according to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation's Pay Scale.

(d) The unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, allotments, or other funds available for the use of the Off-Island Medical Referral Program on the date of the transfer shall be transferred to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation. In the transfer of such funds, an amount may be reserved for the liquidation of obligations incurred prior to the transfer.

(e) All rules, regulations, orders, contracts, and agreements relating to the Off-Island Medical Referral Program that were lawfully or in good faith adopted prior to January 31, 2023, shall continue to be effective until revised, amended, repealed, or terminated at the discretion of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation.

(f) All outstanding obligations, debts, and liabilities of the Off-Island Medical Referral Program on the date of transfer shall remain liabilities of the CNMI Office of the Governor, and shall not transfer to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation.

(g) All outstanding promissory notes executed between the Off-Island Medical Referral Program and patients or their personal representatives are receivables of the CNMI government, and shall not be the responsibility of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the CNMI government shall write off all principal and interest due on all the outstanding promissory notes executed by the Off-Island Medical Referral Program and patients on or before January 31, 2023. The Department of Finance shall issue a notice of the promissory note write off to patients or their personal representatives within 180 days of January 31, 2023.

**Source:** PL 22-33, § 4 (Jan. 31, 2023), modified.

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**TITLE 3: HUMAN RESOURCES**  
**DIVISION 2: HEALTH**

**Commission Comment:** *Legislative Findings of 2023 Legislation.*— For Findings and Purpose of PL 22-33, see Commission comment to 9 CMC § 2837.

*Modifications.*— In codifying PL 22-33, the Commission substituted “January 31, 2023,” for “the effective date of this Act” in subsecs. (a), (e), and (g), pursuant to 1 CMC § 3806(d).