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DPHSS Welcomes Dr. Joel J. Paulino to the Guam Community Health Center Team

Hagåtña, Guam – The Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) welcomes Dr. Joel J. Paulino, M.D., as a **full-time Internal Medicine Physician** for the Guam Community Health Centers (CHC). Dr. Paulino will support both the Northern and Southern Region Community Health Centers, with his primary assignment at the southern site (SRCHC).

A CHamoru who has returned home, Dr. Paulino brings more than two decades of experience in internal medicine leadership. He served over 20 years as a private practice owner and internal medicine specialist in Arizona, leading a team dedicated to caring for underserved communities. His background also includes work as a staff internist with national health organizations and service as a volunteer physician during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic in New York.

A U.S. Air Force veteran, Dr. Paulino held the rank of Major (O-5) and served as Internal Medicine Consultant with the 18th Medical Group at Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, Japan. He completed his Internal Medicine residency at Keesler Medical Center, U.S. Air Force 81st Medical Group in Biloxi, Mississippi. Dr. Pauline earned his Doctor of Medicine from the John A. Burns School of Medicine, University of Hawa'i at Mānoa, and his Bachelor of Arts in Biology from the University of Guam.

Returning to Guam, Dr. Paulino expressed that serving his island community has long been a personal goal.

“Coming home to care for our people is deeply meaningful to me,” said Dr. Paulino. “My focus will always be on providing high-quality, compassionate care that makes a difference in the lives of our patients.”

Dr. Paulino’s appointment supports DPHSS’s continued efforts to enhance access to comprehensive primary care services through the Guam Community Health Center network, which remains a cornerstone of quality and equitable care for Guam’s residents.

Appointments with Dr. Paulino are now available at both CHCs. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact the NRCHC at (671) 635-7412 or the SRCHC at (671) 828-7623.

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