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DPHSS REMINDS RETAIL FOOD FACILITIES OF CERTIFICATE OF MANAGER'S CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT

Hagåtña, Guam – The Division of Environmental Health (DEH) of the Department of Public Health and Social Services reminds all current and prospective food establishment operators of the requirements under the *Rules and Regulations Governing the Issuance of Health Certificates*:

- All retail food facilities, regardless of the number of employees, including Temporary Food Service Establishments, must have a certified manager or supervisor on duty during all hours of operation who possesses a Certificate of Manager's Certification.

DEH further advises food establishment operators that managers and supervisors must have successfully completed and obtained their Certificate of Manager's Certification. Registration receipts or proof of enrollment in a certification course will no longer be accepted as meeting this requirement. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in the suspension of the establishment's Sanitary Permit.

The Certificate of Manager's Certification course is offered locally by the Guam Community College (GCC) and is valid for five years. The Department also recognizes food protection certification programs evaluated and listed by a Conference for Food Protection (www.foodprotect.org/Certification) and the National Environmental Health Association's Certified in Comprehensive Food Safety and/or Certified Professional - Food Safety (www.neha.org).

Individuals needing to obtain the Certificate of Manager's Certification are encouraged to contact any of the third-party credentials stated above. Individuals who possess a food protection certification from a third-party provider not mentioned are encouraged to contact DEH to verify eligibility.

For further information about this requirement, please contact the Division of Environmental Health at (671) 922-2532 or (671) 300-9579.

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