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### **DPHSS Director Brings Guam's Public Health Priorities to Capitol Hill**

Hagåtña, Guam — The Director of the Department of Public Health and Social Services, Theresa C. Arriola, is in Washington, D.C. this week to advocate for Guam's public health priorities during federal meetings with congressional leaders and national public health partners.

Director Arriola is participating in the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials Spring Leadership Forum, where state and territorial health leaders are meeting with members of Congress to discuss sustained investments in public health infrastructure, workforce development, laboratory capacity, and data modernization.

On Tuesday morning, Director Arriola is scheduled to meet with Congressman James Moylan to review DPHSS' previous and current federal requests. Discussions will focus on funding stability, territorial Medicaid considerations, and the resources necessary to strengthen public health systems serving Guam's families, seniors, and vulnerable populations.

As a U.S. territory, Guam faces unique funding structures and federal policy limitations that directly impact the delivery of services. Participation in these meetings allows DPHSS leadership to elevate island priorities and advocate for equitable support that reflects Guam's needs.

"Federal investments in public health directly affect our ability to serve our community," said Director Arriola. "These conversations are important to ensure Guam's voice is heard and our public health system remains strong and responsive. Ensuring Guam, Territories are never forgotten and always included in legislation that will greatly impact the health of our community."

DPHSS remains committed to advancing policies and resources that protect and promote the health of Guam residents at every stage of life.

For more information about the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials Spring Leadership Forum and its federal advocacy priorities, visit: <https://www.astho.org/communications/newsroom/2026/astho-members-advocate-for-1-billion-investment-in-public-health-infrastructure/>

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