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DPHSS Seeks Public Input on Guam Temporary Assistance for Needy Families State Plan Renewal

Residents, organizations, and community partners invited to review and comment on proposed 2027–2029 plan

Hagåtña, Guam – Pursuant to Title IV-A of the Social Security Act, Section 402 (42 U.S.C. § 602), and TANF-ACF-PA-1998-03 State Plan Renewal Guidance, the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) is providing public notice and inviting comments on the proposed Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) State Plan Renewal.

The proposed plan outlines Guam's strategy for administering TANF services and supporting eligible families with children with cash assistance resources, through programs that promote financial stability and self-sufficiency.

Public Comment Period

DPHSS will open a 45-day public comment period:

- Opens: **Friday, July 17, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.**
- Closes: **Monday, August 31, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.**

Public Hearing

Community members are encouraged to attend the public hearing and provide feedback on the proposed plan, which is tentatively set for following:

- Date: **Wednesday, August 5, 2026**
- Time: 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Location: Conference Room, 130 University Drive, Castle Mall Room 19, Mangilao, 96913

Why it Matters

The proposed TANF State Plan will guide program administration for the period of October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2029. Public feedback helps ensure the plan reflects the needs and priorities of Guam's most vulnerable populations of low-income families and the communities most impacted.

How to Review the Plan

A copy of the proposed Guam TANF State Plan will be available at:

- Work Programs Section, Castle Mall Suite 11, Mangilao
- DPHSS website: <https://dphss.guam.gov/useful-dphss-info/resources>

How to Submit Comments

Written comments may be submitted at the locations listed above or emailed to patrice.hara@dphss.guam.gov. For additional information, contact Ms. Patrice Hara, Program Coordinator III, at (671)735-7368.

DPHSS remains committed to strengthening programs that support the health, well-being, and economic stability of Guam's families and encourages community participation throughout the public comment process.

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