

*Addendum to*  
**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 116**

*Amending Organization of the Ministry of Health  
within the Executive Branch (Executive Order No. 98)*

**WHEREAS**, since the establishment of the Constitutional Government of the Republic of Palau on January 1, 1981, the basic framework for the structure of the Executive Branch of the National Government was set forth by Public Law No. 7-8-8 (2 PNC 101-114) and consisted of five major departments; namely, Ministries of state, Justice, National Resources, Social Services and Administration; and

**WHEREAS**, specific bureaus, divisions, offices and the related functions, responsibilities, duties and activities of the five ministries within the Executive Branch of the National Government were formally established on September 29, 1982, upon promulgation of Executive Order No. 09, and subsequent amendments thereafter: and

**WHEREAS**, said Executive Branch of the National Government was further reorganized on July 27, 1990, by Public Law No. 3-30 which increased the major departments to eight major departments; namely, the Ministries of state, Justice, Resources and Development, Commerce and Trade, Administration, Health, Education, and Community and Cultural Affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, consistent with the provisions of RPPL No. 3-30, Executive Order No. 98, promulgated on January 7, 1991, established and reorganized bureaus, divisions, and offices, together with their respective functions, responsibilities, duties and activities; and

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order No. 116 was promulgated on January 14, 1993 and established and reorganized bureaus, divisions, and offices, together with their respective functions, responsibilities, duties and activities within the Ministry of state, Justice, Resources and Development, Commerce and Trade, Administration and Community and Cultural Affairs, but did not reorganize the Ministry of Health; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that, in order to ensure government efficiency and effective delivery of services to the general public by the Ministry of Health, its activities must be reorganized and/or new activities created;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the Republic of Palau pursuant to the Constitution and applicable laws of the Republic, it is hereby ordered that Executive Order No. 98, which reorganized the Executive Branch of the National Government, is hereby amended by this Addendum to Executive Order No. 116 in the following particulars with regard to the Ministry of Health.

PART VII:                   MINISTRY OF HEALTH

The following changes will be made in the Office of the Minister of Health. Five (5) new offices are created which offices shall report directly to the Minister. The offices are as follows:

1. Office of Federal and International Programs (this includes programs organized and funded by the Government of the United States of America or on a bilateral or multilateral basis)
2. Office of Healthcare Financing
3. Office of Health Planning and Evaluation
4. Office of Human Resources and Development
5. Office of Healthcare Administration

Section I. Bureau of Clinical Services

Under this section, the following changes are made:

- a) The Division of Medical Services will be headed by a physician who will be called the “Chief of Staff”. This division will oversee all physician staffing and activities as mandated under Executive Order No. 98.
- b) A newly created division called the “Division of Professional Services” will replace the Division of Dental Services. The Division of Professional Services will be headed by a Chief (physician) who will be responsible for overseeing all areas of responsibilities of the following diagnostic and patient care services:
  - 1) Laboratory
  - 2) Radiology
  - 3) Rehabilitation Services (Physical Therapy)
  - 4) Hemodialysis Services

The Division of Dental Services is moved to be under the Bureau of Public Health.

- c) Division of Nursing: As mandated under Executive Order No. 98, the following change will be made. Except for this change, all other responsibilities will remain as they are currently structured:
  - i. Responsible for providing clinical nursing services in clinical and public health services.

SECTION II. Bureau of Public Health

This bureau's responsibilities will no longer include the following responsibilities previously mandated by Executive Order No. 98: medical laboratory services and pharmacy services.

- a) No changes are made under the Division of Environmental and Sanitation Services.
- b) Section 11 (b)(x) - the following responsibilities are deleted: laboratory, x-ray and emergency room.
- c) Division of Dental Services is included and all duties and responsibilities as they appear under Section I (b) will remain same.
- d) Division of Behavioral Health Services Will be created as a new division of this Bureau. The duties and responsibilities will be as follows:
  - 1 ) Providing all services relating to mental illness and behavioral problems.
  - 2) Rehabilitation/Investigations/Therapeutic programs relating to child abuse and domestic violence.
  - 3) Substance Abuse programs dealing with alcohol and all substances of abuse.
  - 4) Consultation and Preventive Health Education services.

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF***, I have hereunder set my hand and affixed my official seal this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 1993, in the State of Koror, Republic of Palau.

Kuniwo Nakamura  
President  
Republic of Palau

