

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 146

Payment of Stipend to Patients referred for Medical Care to Hawaii, the Philippines or Other Locations

WHEREAS, the national government has an obligation to work to ensure the health of the Palauan people; and

WHEREAS, in fulfilling its obligation it is sometimes necessary to send patients off-island for medical care; and

WHEREAS, patients who are referred outside the Republic of Palau for medical care are in need of financial assistance to cover food and incidental costs;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the President of the Republic of Palau, it is hereby ordered that, effective September 1, 1995, the patients who are referred outside the Republic of Palau for medical care will be paid a stipend to cover food and incidental costs for the duration of their off-island treatment. The following criteria apply:

1. Eligible patients are those individuals who are referred by the Ministry of Health's Medical Referral Program for care/treatment/medical tests or procedures that are not available through the Ministry of Health to destinations outside of the Republic of Palau.

2. The amount of stipend payable to a qualifying individual will be determined by the referral destination.

a. Qualifying individuals who are referred to medical facilities in Hawaii or other areas (excepting the Philippines) will be entitled to not more than US \$30.00 per day for the duration of their off-island care plus not more than four travel days.

b. Qualifying individuals who are referred to medical facilities in the Philippines will be entitled to not more than US \$20.00 per day for the duration of their off-island care plus two travel days.

c. Individuals who choose to extend their stay beyond that which is medically indicated and recommended by the primary medical provider will not be entitled to stipend for the period of stay other than which constitutes the legitimate period of care.

3. The amount of stipend payable to the qualifying individual will be the same regardless of whether the Patient has inpatient or outpatient status.

4. Stipends shall be paid in advance as follows:

a. The first seven days stipend shall be paid in advance, and prior to the individuals departure from the Republic of Palau.

b. The Medical Referral Coordinator of the recipient country will administer qualified patients stipends in advance, on a weekly basis, for the period of entitlement but not including the first seven days.

c. In the case of the entitled period being less than the period for which stipend has been paid in advance, the individual will reimburse the amount paid which is over that which they are entitled to.

5. Accompanying family or support persons are not entitled to stipend payments.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder set my hand and affixed my official seal this 7th day of September, 1995, in the state of Koror, Republic of Palau.

Kuniwo Nakamura
President
Republic of Palau