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“CHCC to Implement New Electronic Vital Registration System”

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation (CHCC) is pleased to announce that, in keeping with efforts to modernize health information technologies, we have begun the process of implementing a new Electronic Vital Registration System (EVRS) through Axiell ALM, Inc., a software vendor and consultant that specializes in software for registries and vital records.

Axiell will work with the CHCC over the next several months in establishing a comprehensive and complete system for the electronic administration of vital statistics, including birth, death, and fetal death registries, in the CNMI. Decreasing reliance on paper forms for various health and vital statistics processes will allow the CNMI to continue to comply with all federally regulated standards under the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), and improve the quality of data collection within our jurisdiction.

Improvements when the new EVRS is fully implemented will include:

- The ability to electronically transmit birth and death data to the NCHS.
- Greatly improved reporting timeliness and quality of vital events information collected.
- Increased security and fraud prevention.
- CNMI participation in the exchange of information through the Electronic Verification of Vital Events (EVVE) with state and federal agencies, and other authorized stakeholders.
- An increased ability to interface with other CHCC data systems, such as the hospital electronic health record and public health program registries.
- Continual compliance with NCHS and National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems (NAPHSIS) programs and requirements.

The EVRS system is a web-based application hosted in a government-standard, Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program (FedRAMP) certified and secured facility, so the Tinian Health Center and Rota Health Center will also have immediate access to the system as soon as it is deployed. This increases collaboration and efficiency of vital record reporting throughout the CNMI as well as provides disaster recovery and immediate service restoration.

The EVRS project is tentatively expected to be completed in 2020.

Axiell has successfully implemented software solutions and vital records registries throughout the Pacific Islands, Australasia, Caribbean, Canada, and the United States. For more information about Axiell, please visit: <https://vitalrecords.axiell.com/about-us/>

Please also be advised that the CHCC HVSO has moved! The HVSO office is now located on the second level of the main CHCC campus on Navy Hill – across from the CHCC Outpatient Pharmacy. The hours of operation and contact information have remained the same.

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