

# Medicare Part B will cost more

The Department of Public Health and Social Services said the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid services has announced the 2020 Part A & B premiums and deductibles.

About 9% of Medicare beneficiaries do not have a Part A premium since they have at least 40 quarters of Medicare-covered employment, according to Guam public health officials. The Part A inpatient hospital deductible covers beneficiaries' share of costs for the first 60 days of Medicare-covered inpatient hospital care in a benefit period. In 2020, beneficiaries must

pay a coinsurance amount of \$352 per day for the 61st through 90th day of a hospitalization in a benefit period and \$704 per day for lifetime reserve days.

**Monthly premium will be \$144.60**

For 2020, the Medicare Part B monthly premiums and the annual deductible are higher than the 2019 amounts. The standard monthly premium for Medicare Part B enrollees will be \$144.60 for 2020, an increase of \$9.10 from \$135.50 in 2019. The annual deductible for all Medicare Part B beneficiaries is \$198 in 2020, an increase of \$13 from 2019.

Medicare Part B covers physician

services, outpatient hospital services, certain home health services, durable medical equipment, and certain other medical and health services not covered by Medicare Part A.

The increase in the Part B premiums and deductible is largely due to rising spending on physician-administered drugs, according to CMS. These higher costs have a ripple effect and result in higher Part B premiums and deductible.

For more information and assistance regarding 2020 Medicare premiums and deductibles, people can visit Medicare.gov (www.medicare.gov),

## Medicare A and B

Learn more about Centers for Medicare and Medicaid programs 2020 Part A & B premiums visit the website: <https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/2020-medicare-parts-b-premiums-and-deductibles>.

call 1-800-MEDICARE, or contact the Guam Medicare Assistance Program (Guam MAP) within the Division of Senior Citizens (DSC), DPHSS at 735-7421 or 735-7415.

*(Daily Post Staff)*

## Rev & Tax starts using 6-year-old alcohol fee fund

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Dafne Shimizu

Fines and fees collected by the Alcohol Beverage Control Board at the Department of Revenue and Taxation weren't deposited

into a fund established in 2013 until September of this year.

"I'm not sure why the fund was not utilized before. At Rev and Tax we began utilizing the fund Sept. 5 this year," said Director Dafne Shimizu.

In fiscal 2019, the fund took in about \$7,770 and, from the beginning of fiscal 2020, it brought

in \$8,700 according to a Department of Administration official.

According to law, the ABC administrator, with board approval, shall use the money in the fund to promote compliance with liquor laws, business development, and improvement of interagency and interoffice functions.

Such programs include enforcement, public service announcements promoting responsible

drinking and driving practices, youth programs, and education.

In prior years, money intended for the fund went to the General Fund.

Rev and Tax officials were at the Legislature Wednesday afternoon to speak to lawmakers about the fund as the latter consider Bill 40-35, which would have fees collected from alcohol sampling and tasting events also deposited into the fund.

# Felon ordered back to jail for drug use

By Lannie Walker  
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Michael V. Bamba will report back to prison at 9 a.m. today after being sentenced to 3 months for violating conditions of his supervised release.

Bamba was sentenced to 5 years

in prison in 2017 with credit for time served after he pleaded guilty to taking part in a conspiracy to distribute more than \$86,000 in "ice" as part of a drug scheme that ran between California and Guam in 2013.

On Wednesday, during a hearing in Guam District Court, Bamba, through his defense attorney Jay Arriola, admitted to using meth on at least two occasions during the months of September and October and failing to appear for drug testing twice in October.

Bamba had previously admitted to

using meth in June.

"Clearly Mr. Bamba has a drug problem," attorney Arriola told the court. He said his client accepted he would be going back to prison.

"That's where he is going to spend the holiday," Arriola said.

**'I did not see myself to have this type of life'**

Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura Sambataro recommended a sentence of 3 months. Arriola concurred with recommendation.

Bamba addressed District Court Senior Judge Alex Munson who

presided over the hearing and said, "I take full responsibility for the violation I committed." He told the court he had completed a 7-day outpatient drug treatment program and was seeking employment.

"I did not see myself to have this type of life," he told the judge.

Judge Munson said another very serious violation of Bamba trying to bribe a probation officer to skew his test results was not considered in Wednesday's sentencing.

Bamba will serve another 33 months of supervised release following the completion of his prison term. He was also ordered to reapply for an inpatient drug treatment program.

**13th FestPac Guam Planning Committee**  
The 13<sup>th</sup> FestPac Guam Planning Committee meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 20, 2019, at 1:00 p.m.**, Sen. Antonio M. Palomo Guam Museum & Chamoru Educational Facility, Multi-Purpose Conference Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 193 Chalan Santo Papa, Hagåtña. For an agenda call 300-1204/8 or email [Jacqueline.balbas@caga.guam.gov](mailto:Jacqueline.balbas@caga.guam.gov).

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**GUAM BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR DENTISTRY**  
**Regular Meeting, Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at 3:00 PM**

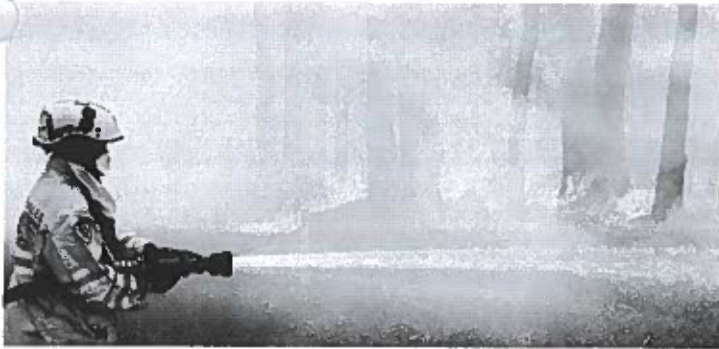
at the Terlaje Professional Building, 194 Heman Cortez Avenue, 2nd Floor, Suite 209 Health Professional Licensing Office Board Conference Room, Hagåtña, Guam.

For more information, please contact the Board office at 735-7405 thru 12. Persons with disabilities needing special accommodations may call 735-7172 or the telecommunication device for the Hearing/Speech Impaired (TDD) at 649-1801. Executive meeting may be called if necessary.

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**CATASTROPHE:** A Gloucester fire crew member fights flames from a bushfire at Kooraing-hat, near Taree in the Mid North Coast region of New South Wales, Australia, Nov. 12. Darren Pateman/AAP Image via Reuters

# New fires break out; Australia braces for worst

SYDNEY (Reuters) - Australian officials warned soaring heat and high winds are already exceeding forecast "catastrophic" conditions on Tuesday as millions of people across the country's east coast braced for the worst bushfires in at least a decade.

Several new fires broke out early on Tuesday, adding to scores of blazes that have been burning for several days across New South Wales state. Three of the 70 blazes were given an "emergency warning level," which means that people are in urgent danger and need to take immediate action.

For people facing two of those fires, officials warned it was too late for them to flee and urged them to find shelter.

"We are certainly starting to see an increase in fire activity," New South Wales Rural Fire Service Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons, who is

providing two-hourly updates on conditions throughout the day, told reporters in Sydney.

"The reality is conditions will simply continue to get worse and deteriorate in the coming hours and particularly into this afternoon."

Bushfires are a common and deadly threat in Australia's hot, dry summers, but the ferocity and early arrival of this year's outbreak has caught many by surprise. Blazes have been spurred by extremely dry conditions after three years of drought in parts of NSW and Queensland, which many experts attribute to climate change.

Sydney, home to 5 million people, was among several regions rated at "catastrophic fire danger" for Tuesday, the first time it has received that designation since new fire danger ratings were introduced in 2009 following the country's most deadly fire on record.

## GUAM ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS

(a non-for-profit organization)

### Statement of Financial Position

For the year ended December 31, 2018

<b>Assets:</b>	
Cash available for operations	\$ 294,060.00
Restricted cash	\$ 150,000.00
Furniture & Fixtures	\$ 4,119.00
Rent Deposit	750.00
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 448,929.00</b>
<b>Liability and net asset:</b>	
Liabilities	75,373.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 75,373.00</b>
Members' equity	\$ 373,556.00
<b>Total liability and net asset</b>	<b>\$ 448,929.00</b>

### Statement of Activities

<b>Revenues:</b>	
Membership dues	\$ 475,580.00
Training	\$ 8,229.00
Other Income	\$ 55,681.00
Interest	160.00
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>539,650.00</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Admin & General	294,286.00
Grants	10,150.00
Dues/Meetings	236,777.00
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 541,213.00</b>
<b>Net Income:</b>	<b>\$ (1,563.00)</b>

## GUAM AMATEUR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

Financial Statements

JAN - DEC 2018

### REVENUE AND EXPENSE STATEMENT

<b>REVENUE</b>	
Program Service Revenue	\$ 28,026.00
Grants, Contributions, Gifts	\$ 74,500.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 102,526.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Prof. Fees, Contractual Expenses	\$ 22,195.00
Occupancy, Rent, Util. & Maintenance	\$ 19,273.00
Other Operational Expenses	\$ 12,433.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 53,901.00</b>
<b>NET REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 48,625.00</b>

### BALANCE SHEET

<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Cash, Savings, Investments	\$ 9,586.94
Accounts Receivable	\$ 735.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 10,321.94</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Accounts Payable	\$ 135.00
Deposit from Customers	\$ 1,000.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 1,135.00</b>
<b>NET ASSETS &amp; FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 9,186.94</b>

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

For: **Regular Board Meeting**  
Date: **Friday, November 15, 2019**  
Time: **12:00 noon**  
Place: **GGRF Conference Room**

Agenda will be made available prior to the meeting. For individuals requiring special accommodations, please contact 475-8900/01.

/s/ Paula M. Bias, Director  
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