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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 829

November 8, 2017

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING PHILHEALTH INSURANCE TO ALL ACCREDITED BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS (BHWs) AND BARANGAY NUTRITION SCHOLARS (BNS) ASSISTING IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF HEALTH SERVICES PROGRAM OF THE CITY OF BACOLOD, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7883, also known as the "Barangay Health Workers and Benefits & Incentives Acts of 1995, provides incentives and benefits which include hazard allowance, subsistence allowance, civil service eligibility, free legal services and preferential loan facility to accredited barangay health workers;

WHEREAS, Barangay Health Workers (BHWs) and Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS) are performing frontline/basic services, such as the delivery of primary health care programs for the government, thus they are exposed to extreme health risks and hazards;

WHEREAS, as primary health care service providers, it is fitting for the government of Bacolod City to provide PhilHealth insurance benefit to all Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS) and Barangay Health Workers (BHWs), the true unsung heroes who devote their lives to serve the Bacolodnons;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained as it is hereby ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod in session assembled, that:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. This Ordinance shall also be known as "BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS (BHWs) AND BARANGAY NUTRITION SCHOLARS (BNS) PHILHEALTH INSURANCE BENEFIT ORDINANCE OF BACOLOD CITY".

SECTION 2. COVERAGE. This ordinance shall cover all accredited Barangay Health Workers (BHWs) and Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS) in the city.

All accredited Barangay Health Workers (BHWs) and Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS) who are 4Ps beneficiaries and those 60 years old and above and are not covered by this ordinance.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS. The following terms as use in this Ordinance are defined as follows:

- a. **ACCREDITED BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS** – are such persons who have undergone training programs under any accredited government and non-government organizations and who voluntarily renders primary health care services in the community after having been accredited to function as such by the local health board in accordance with the guidelines promulgated by the Department of Health (DOH).

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b. **ACCREDITED BARANGAY NUTRITION SCHOLARS** – are barangay based workers responsible for delivering nutrition intervention services such as community health, backyard food production, environmental sanitation, culture, mental feeding, family planning and other related services such as reproductive health and others to the barangays and gathering data thereon for local and national purposes.

SECTION 4. QUALIFICATIONS. Accredited Barangay Health Workers (BHWs) and Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS) who are actively and regularly performing their duties shall be entitled to PhilHealth insurance benefit.

To avail of the PhilHealth insurance benefit, BHWs and BNS shall obtain and present a certification that he/she has actively performed his/her assigned tasks which shall be issued by the barangay health station supervisor where the concerned BHW and BNS is assigned or appointed.

The BHWs and BNS shall go to and register with the Bacolod City Health Office and submit his/her certification issued by the barangay health station supervisor and attach the same to his/her annual accomplish report to the City Health Office where it will be validated.

SECTION 5. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES. The Bacolod City Health Office and the City Mayor's Office-Urban Basic Services Division shall administer the processing and filing of the PhilHealth insurance benefit of all accredited BHWs and BNS.

Upon the passage of the ordinance, the Bacolod City Accounting Office shall remit the insurance premiums of all accredited BHWs and BNS to the PhilHealth office.

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATIONS. The City shall allocate in the annual budget sufficient allocations to cover the health insurance premiums of all accredited BHWs and BNS.

Bacolod City Health Office and the City Mayor's Office-Urban Basic Services Division shall include in their annual budget appropriation the amount intended for health insurance premiums.

SECTION 7. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provisions of this Ordinance or any part thereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. REPEALING CLAUSE. All ordinances, resolutions, executive orders or regulations and other issuances inconsistent with the provisions and/or purposes of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative :

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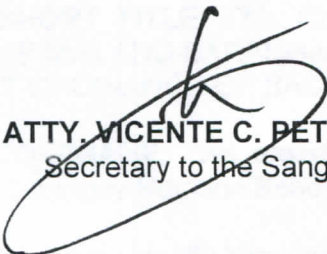
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