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TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
LUNGSOD NG BAKOLOD
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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 1014
December 7, 2022

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES IN THE AVAILMENT OF BACOLOD CITY COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH PROGRAM (BacCHP) AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF.

WHEREAS, Section 15 of Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code provides that "Every Local Government Unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare;

WHEREAS, Article XIII, Section 11 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution states that "The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health, and other social services to all the people at affordable cost;

WHEREAS, Section 6 (b) of the Republic Act No. 11223 or the Universal Health Care Act further provides that "(c) The DOH and the local government unit (LGUs) shall endeavor to provide a health care delivery system that will afford every Filipino a primary care provider that would act as the navigator, coordinator, and initial and continuing point of contact in the health care delivery system.";

WHEREAS, Section 6 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Universal Health Care Act (Republic Act 11223) it provides that every Filipino shall be granted immediate eligibility and access to preventive, promotive, curative, rehabilitative, and palliative care for medical, dental, mental and emergency health services, delivered as population-based or individual-based health services;

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 be known as the **"BACOLOD CITY COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH PROGRAM"**

Section 2. Declaration of Policy. - The Bacolod City Comprehensive Health Program (BacCHP) is a priority flagship program of the City of Bacolod which aims to maximize government resources for the implementation of an adequate & responsive healthcare system in the city.



Section 3. Objectives. - This ordinance shall have the following objectives:

1. The program shall support the implementation of an annual health check-up and regular distribution of free maintenance medicines in conjunction with the City Health Office through the preventive healthcare program of the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth).
2. The program shall optimize the service of private healthcare facilities for preventive and curative healthcare for all its members.
3. The program shall ensure sufficient administrative support to facilitate and coordinate the delivery of healthcare services to the city, and enhance the facilities and services in existing primary health care stations in each barangay.
4. The program shall endeavor to secure and utilize all available government resources for healthcare in order to eliminate out of pocket expenses of all its members.

Section 4. Definition of Terms. - For purposes of this ordinance, the following terms are defined:

- a) **Accredited Health Care Providers** - refers to private hospitals and other health care providers within the jurisdiction of Bacolod City with an existing Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the City of Bacolod relative to the Bacolod City Comprehensive Health Program. These Health Care Providers should be accredited by the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation.
- b) **Health Care Provider** - A health facility which may be public or private, devoted primarily to the provision of services for health promotion, prevention, diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation and palliation of individuals suffering from illness, disease, injury, disability, or deformity, or in need of obstetrical or other medical and nursing care.
- c) **Beneficiary** - refers to Bacolod City residents who are duly registered and qualified to receive benefits under the BacCHP program. Qualified beneficiaries are residents of Bacolod City for at least one (1) year, members of the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) as principal or dependent with updated premium payments, and have submitted requirements requested by the BacCHP Operations Center.
- d) **Bacolod City Comprehensive Health Program Operations Center-** (BacCHPOC) section under the City Mayor's Office which is primarily in charge in the operation and promotion of the program. This office shall be headed by a Information Technology Officer II (SG 22) with at least five (5) years relevant experience in Health Information Technology or Health Program Implementation reporting directly to the Mayor or his authorized representative, supported by two (2) Health Program Officers II (SG 15) with at least three (3) years relevant experience in Health Information Technology or Health Program Implementation, and complemented by at least fifteen (15) encoders and administrative assistants.



- e) **Bacolod City Comprehensive Health Program (BacCHP)** - a priority program of the City of Bacolod that will ensure the delivery of preventive and curative healthcare services to all qualified residents of the city that shall endeavor to maximize government resources for the implementation of an adequate & responsive healthcare system in Bacolod City.
- f) **Bacolod City Comprehensive Health Program Family Card** -a document duly issued by the BacCHPOC to a qualified beneficiary and his dependents.
- g) **Indigent** – any person who have no visible means of income, or whose income in insufficient for family subsistence as identified by the Department of Social Services and Development (DSSD).

Section 5. GUIDELINES FOR THE AVAILMENT OF THE BACOLOD CITY COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH PROGRAM (BacCHP) SERVICES.

A. Preventive Health Services

1. The BacCHP member/beneficiary shall go to his assigned Barangay Health Station and present the BacCHP Family Health card to avail of an annual medical check-up and consultation on dates scheduled by the City Health Office through the Barangay.
2. The BacCHP member/beneficiary shall undergo an initial health screening by a barangay health worker, and nurse or midwife. If the health condition of the member/beneficiary requires, he/she shall be subject to laboratory services, after which he/she shall undergo consultation by a physician, and prescribed maintenance medicines. The laboratory services and maintenance medicines shall be within the parameters of the Primary Care Benefit Program of the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) and shall be of no cost to the patient.
3. In the event that the member/beneficiary requires additional laboratory tests not covered by PhilHealth's Primary Care Benefit program, the BacCHPO shall assist the member/beneficiary to obtain the additional laboratory tests at any government or private health care provider.
4. The City Health Office shall analyze the data gathered during the annual check-up and enhance existing health programs using the said data. The health programs shall include specific needs of each barangay and shall be implemented in coordination with or through the Barangay Health Workers, Barangay Nutrition Scholars, Office of Senior Citizen's Affairs, and other sectors representing the various communities.

B. Curative Health Services (Availment of Private Hospital Services)

1. The BacCHP member/beneficiary shall be initially assessed at his/her barangay by the authorized health center personnel.



2. If upon assessment, the Barangay personnel deems the case beyond its capacity to handle, they shall immediately inform the City Health Office.
3. The City Health Office shall evaluate and recommend the proper course of action to be taken by the barangay personnel that could be either, but not limited to, the following:
 - a. Member/Beneficiary be evaluated by physicians from the City Health Office or other specialists at the barangay through in person or tele-consult;
 - b. Member/Beneficiary be brought to the City Health Office for treatment or examination by the City Health Officer on duty;
 - c. Member/Beneficiary be brought to the hospital for treatment or confinement.
4. In the event that a member/beneficiary requires hospitalization, the City Health Office shall immediately inform the BacCHP Operations Center;
5. The BacCHP Operations Center shall immediately coordinate with, and refer the patient to the accredited health care provider with available BacCHP beds that can provide the service required by the patient. Provided, that if there are more than two (2) hospitals that can provide the services, the referral shall be made to the one nearest to the patient's residence. Provided further, in the event that all BacCHP beds in the private hospitals are occupied, the patient can be accommodated in the next room category.
6. In cases of extreme emergency, the BacCHP beneficiary may be brought directly to the nearest available hospital. **Provided**, that the maximum amount of Fifteen Thousand Pesos (P 15,000.00) shall be given as assistance to the beneficiary. **Provided further**, that the assistance shall be used only after exhausting PhilHealth benefits, and other government health care grants/assistance.

Section 6. BacCHP Family Cardholders Benefits

A BacCHP Family Card holder shall be entitled to a maximum of Fifteen Thousand Pesos (P15,000.00) that will serve as grant for health related expenses. Provided, that the beneficiary shall be classified in accordance with Republic Act No. 747 and its latest Implementing Rules and Regulations. Provided further, that the grant shall be used only after exhausting Philhealth benefits, and other government health care grants/assistance.

Section 7. CREATION OF THE BacCHP OPERATIONS CENTER

1. **BacCHP Operations Center (BacCHPOC).** The BacCHPO Operations Center shall be a Section under the Office of the City Mayor and shall be under the direct supervision of the City Mayor through his duly authorized representative.



2. **Creation of Plantilla Items.** The operation center shall be headed by an Information Technology Officer II (SG 22) with at least five (5) years relevant experience in Health Information Technology or Health Program Implementation reporting directly to the Mayor or his authorized representative, supported by two (2) Health Program Officers II (SG 15) with at least three (3) years relevant experience in Health Information Technology or Health Program Implementation, and complemented by at least fifteen (15) encoders and administrative assistants.

A. FUNCTIONS OF THE BacCHP Operations Center

1. Maintain and keep an updated list of BacCHP members/beneficiaries for Sixty-one (61) Barangays of Bacolod City.
2. Formulate and implement an effective information program to ensure qualified families and individuals are enrolled to the program. The information program should ensure that all members/beneficiaries are informed of the coverage of the process to access the benefits procedures;
3. Monitor and evaluate the performance of the program and submit an annual report.
4. Conduct an annual validation and update of requirements to ensure the accuracy of the membership data.
5. Assure the complete and correct filing of primary care benefit claims to PhilHealth.

B. DUTIES OF THE BacCHP OPERATIONS CENTER

1. Preventive Health Care

- 1.1 The BacCHP Operations Center (BacCHPOC) shall coordinate with the Barangays and the City Health Office regarding the Primary Care Benefit program of PhilHealth, specifically the documentation, encoding, and prompt submission of the claims.
- 1.2 The BacCHPOC shall coordinate with other government agencies to request for assistance for the additional laboratory procedures and medicines required for the member/beneficiary that is not covered by the Primary Care Benefit program.
- 1.3 The City Health Office shall coordinate with the BacCHPOC regarding the schedule of consultations in the barangay health centers. The BacCHPOC shall provide the necessary technical support during the conduct of the consultations and shall encode, process and submit all claims to PhilHealth for the primary care benefit program.

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2. Curative Health Care

- 2.1 The BacCHPOC shall provide the hospital with the name and BacCHP card number of the member/beneficiary and referral form from the City Health Office. Priority shall be given to government hospitals located in Bacolod City before the member is referred to a private hospital.
- 2.2 The BacCHPOC shall coordinate with government hospitals located in the City of Bacolod to ascertain if the patient may be confined in the hospital. In the event that the government hospital has reached full capacity or is unable to provide the service, the BacCHPOC shall request for a certification and arrange for the accommodation of the beneficiary in a private hospital.
- 2.3 Upon receipt of the certification from the government hospital, the BacCHPOC will refer the member/beneficiary to a private hospital.
- 2.4 The BacCHPOC shall inform the patient of his pre-approved admission in the hospital and shall coordinate with the barangay of the patient regarding assistance to transport the patient to the said hospital.
- 2.5 The BacCHPOC shall coordinate with other government agencies to assist patient in procuring financial assistance for his confinement.
- 2.6 The BacCHPOC shall coordinate with the PhilHealth regional office regarding the prompt payment to the partner health care providers for the service provided to BacCHP members/beneficiaries.

Section 8. GUIDELINES FOR ENROLLMENT OF THE PROGRAM

1. All qualified residents shall register to the program through their barangay, Office of Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA), BacCHP Desk, or the City Health Office.
2. Applicants shall be required to sign a consent for the use of their data for the program.
3. The data collected shall be submitted to the BacCHPOC for validation through the Philippine Statistics Authority and Philhealth.
4. Upon validation of the identity, PhilHealth status, and submission of requirements of the registrants, the BacCHP Family Health Card shall be issued.
5. The data in the BacCHP Family Health Card may be used for the creation of an Electronic Medical Record of its members.

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Section 9. BacCHP MEMBERS DATA PRIVACY

The data privacy provisions under Republic Act No. 10173 otherwise known as the Data Privacy Act of 2012 shall be strictly complied with to ensure that the data privacy rights of BacCHP Family Health Card holders are respected and protected.

Section 10. OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ACCREDITED HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

The accredited health care providers (AHCP) shall sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the City of Bacolod that should include the following:

1. The AHCP shall provide the BacCHP member and their qualified dependents ward or small private room accommodation equivalent to at least five (5%) percent of their authorized bed capacity in partial compliance with Section 29(c) of the Republic Act 11223 otherwise known as the Universal Health Care Act;
2. No Deposit shall be required from BacCHP cardholders as a requirement for admission in any government or private hospital in the City of Bacolod.
3. The AHCP shall assign a coordinator who shall coordinate with the BacCHP personnel in order to provide needed assistance of the cardholders;
4. The AHCP shall abide by their performance commitments to the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation especially with regard to the No Balance Billing (NBB) policy for those confined in a ward or basic accommodation.

Section 11. Appropriation - The fund needed for the initial implementation of this Ordinance in the amount of EIGHTY MILLION PESOS (P 80,000,000.00) shall be sourced from the Assistance to Individual in Crisis Situations (AICS) Fund.

Section 12. Separability Clause - If any part, section or provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 13. Repealing Clause - All laws, decrees, orders, issuances and rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 14. Effectivity - This ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation in Bacolod City.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative:

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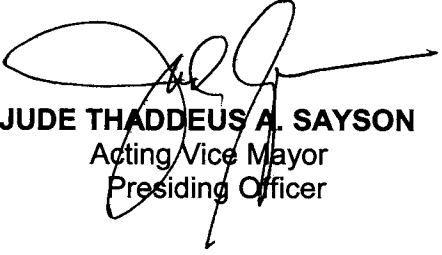
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Comments : P a s s e d .
Councilor Israel P. Salanga was not around when this ordinance was passed.

ATTESTED:


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APPROVED: December 27, 2022.


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