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CERTIFICATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that at the regular session duly constituted of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Province of Pangasinan, held on November 10, 2008 at Lingayen, Pangasinan, the following provincial ordinance was approved:

Authored by Vice Governor Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas and SP Member Tyrone D. Agabas and co-authored by all the other Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members

PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 137-2008

AN ORDINANCE ALLOCATING FUNDS FOR AND INSTITUTIONALIZING THE BENEFITS UNDER THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM AS SET FORTH IN REPUBLIC ACT 7875, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT 9241 OF BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS (BHWs), CIVILIAN VOLUNTEER OFFICERS (CVOs) AND DAY CARE WORKERS, AND HEREBY AMENDING PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 121-2005

WHEREAS, it is the foremost duty and policy of the State, consistent with the Constitutional ideals as enshrined in Section 11, Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution, to adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. Priority for the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women and children shall be recognized;

WHEREAS, in pursuance to and realization of the above-mentioned policy, the State has enacted Republic Act 7875 as amended by Republic Act 9241, otherwise known as the National Health Insurance Act of 1995;



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WHEREAS, the Provincial Government of Pangasinan, as an active agent of the State in achieving its pre-set objectives, and as an instrumentality by which essential services and actions aiming to uplift the general status of each and every Pangasinense are delivered and carried out, in line with Republic Act 7875 as amended by Republic Act 9241, enacted Provincial Ordinance No. 121-2005 known as An Ordinance Adopting Continued Support to the National Health Insurance Program and its governing rules as set forth in Republic Act 7875, as amended by Republic Act 9241, and its revised implementing rules and regulations, the thrust of which is to have a continuous allocation of funds as the LGUs counterpart subsidy for qualified beneficiaries, who are certified indigents, within the Province of Pangasinan;

WHEREAS, included as beneficiaries of said Provincial Ordinance are indigents who are or have eventually become members of the sectors like the Barangay Health Workers (BHWs), Civilian Volunteer Organization members (CVOs) and Day Care Workers which sectors the Provincial Government of Pangasinan recognizes as vital partners in nation-building with their invaluable and indispensable involvement in their respective community's pursuit for development and progress through efficient and swift delivery of necessary services;

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government of Pangasinan deems it just and right to give due recognition and importance to the immense role of the BHWs, CVOs and Day Care Workers;

WHEREAS, institutionalizing the benefits of the BHWs, CVOs and Day Care Workers under the National Health Insurance Program as set forth in Republic Act 7875 as amended by Republic Act 9241, is considered as a significant initial step of affirming the Province's recognition to the indispensable role of the above-mentioned sectors to the community, and, in one way or the other, empowering them as well;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Vice Governor Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas and SP Member Tyrone D. Agabas, and co-authored by all the other Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members, duly seconded -

Be it ordained, as it is hereby ordained, by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan in session duly assembled that:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. This ordinance shall be known as "An Ordinance Institutionalizing the Philhealth Benefits of the Barangay Health Workers (BHWs), Civilian Volunteer Officers (CVOs) and Day Care Workers".



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SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS. As used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

- a. Province – shall refer to the Province of Pangasinan.
- b. Benefits – shall refer to the benefits under the National Health Insurance Program as set forth in Republic Act 7875, as amended by Republic Act 9241, or shall refer to the Philhealth benefits.
- c. This Ordinance - shall refer to the “Ordinance Institutionalizing the Philhealth Benefits of the Barangay Health Workers (BHWs), Civilian Volunteer Officers (CVOs) and Day Care Workers”.
- d. Philhealth – shall refer to the Philhealth Corporation created by virtue of RA 7875.

Terms not specifically defined in this Ordinance shall conform to the definitions as may be found in Republic Act 7875, as amended by Republic Act 9241, and their respective implementing rules and regulations. Definitions of other terms shall be based upon customary definitions.

SECTION 3. SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS OF APPLICATION. This ordinance covers all recognized, registered, or otherwise accredited Barangay Health Workers (BHWs), Civilian Volunteer Officers (CVOs) and Day Care Workers in the Province, in accordance and in compliance with Republic Act 7883 and its implementing rules and regulations, and respective Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) issuances, memoranda, and orders concerning CVOs and Day Care Workers, respectively.

SECTION 4. THRUST OF THIS ORDINANCE. By virtue of this Ordinance, the following shall be implemented, enforced and carried out, to wit:



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- a. In coordination with Philhealth Office, those enrolled and are members of Philhealth by virtue of Provincial Ordinance No. 121-2005, who are classified, enlisted and categorized in said ordinance and by Philhealth as indigents, who happen to be or are subsequently have become recognized, registered or otherwise accredited members of Barangay Health Workers (BHWs), Civilian Volunteer Organizations (CVOs) and Day Care Workers, shall, by virtue of this Ordinance, now be classified, enlisted and categorized in Philhealth as members according to the respective sectors they belong, to wit: Barangay Health Workers (BHWs), Civilian Volunteer Organizations (CVOs) and Day Care Workers.
- b. By virtue of this Ordinance and in line with the preceding paragraph, the benefits of the members, present and hereinafter, who are considered as recognized, registered or otherwise accredited members of Barangay Health Workers (BHWs), Civilian Volunteer Organizations members (CVOs) and Day Care Workers are hereby institutionalized.
- c. In the vein of Provincial Ordinance No. 121-2005 and by virtue of this Ordinance, there shall be a continuous allocation of funds by the Province as its Local Government Units (LGUs) counterpart subsidy for the Philhealth benefits of the above-mentioned. The Office of the Provincial Treasurer is hereby mandated to strictly comply with this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. Should any or part of this Ordinance be found and declared invalid or unconstitutional, unaffected parts thereof shall continue to have the full force and effect of law.

SECTION 6. REPEALING CLAUSE. All ordinances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, whose provisions are in conflict with, or contrary to, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.




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SECTION 7. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This Ordinance shall take effect upon compliance with the provisions of Article 2 of the New Civil Code of the Philippines.


ATTY. VERNA T. NAVA-PEREZ
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:


VICE GOVERNOR MARILYN L. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


AMADO T. ESPINO, JR.
Governor