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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 February 1, 2021 at Lingayen, Pangasinan, the following provincial ordinance was approved:

Authored by SP Member Jeremy Agerico B. Rosario

PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 255-2021

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE PANGASINAN PROVINCIAL BLOOD BANK FACILITY, AND PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR THE COLLECTION, PROCESSING AND THE OPERATION OF BLOOD BANK AND BLOOD PROCESSING LABORATORIES

WHEREAS, Republic Act 7719, otherwise known as “National Blood Service Act of 1994”, was passed to ensure safe and efficient Blood Banking and transfusion practices in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, in order to promote public health, Department of Health AO No. 2010-002 was issued, providing guidelines pertinent to the establishment and operation of local blood councils to support the implementation of the national voluntary blood services program for blood safety and adequacy, quality and patient safety;

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government of Pangasinan ensures to protect and promote the health of Pangasinenses by providing a reliable blood service facility with professional, competent and adequate staff, equipment and resources to perform the required procedures for an efficient, adequate, continuous and safe blood supply;

WHEREAS, the Province of Pangasinan thru the Provincial Health Office, aims to provide continuous supply of safe blood and assure the general public that only licensed blood service facilities can operate within the territorial jurisdiction;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Sangguniang Panlalawigan Member Jeremy Agerico B. Rosario (Chairman of the Committee on Health), duly seconded by all members, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Pangasinan in regular session duly assembled hereby ordains;

Section 1. TITLE - This ordinance shall be known as “Creating the Pangasinan Provincial Blood Bank Facility, and Providing Guidelines for the Collection, Processing and the Operation of Blood Bank and Blood Processing Laboratories”;



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Section 2. FUNCTIONS AND OBJECTIVES

- a. The Pangasinan Provincial Blood Bank endeavors to provide adequate supply of safe blood for the community in accordance with the National Blood Service Act of 1994, the Department of Health Policies and Provincial Blood Council Guidelines.
- b. Pangasinan Provincial Blood Bank is intended to regulate blood service fees in accordance with Section 8 of the National Blood Services Act of 1994, which states that, blood bank/center shall operate on a non-profit basis, but they may be allowed to collect blood service fees not greater than the maximum prescribed by the DOH.
- c. Strengthen the linkages of local hospitals, facilities providing emergency obstetric care and health services with Blood Centers.
- d. Continuous provision of accessible and quality blood and blood components.
- e. Promotion of voluntary non-remunerated blood donation to ensure adequate blood supply in the institution and to nearby areas.

Section 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS - For purposes of Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

1. **Act** - Republic Act (RA) 7710, also known as the National Blood Services Act of 1994, unless herein specified.
2. **Blood Components** - refers, but not limited to whole blood, red cells, granulocytes, plasma, platelets, cryoprecipitate and cryosupernate prepared in a Blood Service Facility.
3. **Blood Service Facility** - refers to Blood Bank (BB), Blood Center (BC), Blood Collecting Unit (BCU) and Blood Station (BS).
4. **Blood Service Network** - An organization composed of the designated Blood Centers, Hospital Blood Banks, Blood Stations, Blood Collecting Units and End User Hospitals established to provide for the blood needs of a specific geographical area.
5. **End User Hospital** - a hospital with licensed clinical laboratory capable of red cell typing and cross matching and does not have any blood service facility but which only receives blood and blood components for blood transfusion as needed.
6. **DOH** - refers to Department of Health
7. **CMBD** - refers to Community Mobile Blood Donation



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Section 4. GENERAL PROVISIONS

a. Allowable Fees

The new maximum allowable blood service fees for the provision of the whole blood and blood components, as provided in Administrative Order No. 2015-0045 dated October 26, 2015, shall be adopted in the collection of fees at the Pangasinan Provincial Blood Service Facility.

b. Blood Service Network

The Six (6) District Hospitals and One (1) Community Hospital of the Province, namely: Western Pangasinan District Hospital (WPDH), Lingayen District Hospital (LDH), Mangatarem District Hospital (MDH), Bayambang District Hospital (BDH), Urdaneta District Hospital, (UDH) Eastern Pangasinan District Hospital (EPDH) and the Mapandan Community Hospital (MapCH) are hereby designated as Blood Stations (BS) in the Province of Pangasinan.

c. Operation of Blood Service Network

The Pangasinan Provincial Blood Bank shall be responsible in allocating or distributing screened/passed blood to the various Blood Stations (BS) abovementioned.

d. Donor and Recruitment and Retention

- d.1. A Blood Bank representative shall be responsible for the pre-counselling of prospective voluntary blood donors or CMBD partners, while Blood Donor Recruitment representative shall responsible for the conduct of advocacies and accomplishment of reports.
- d.2. All records relevant to the operation of the Blood Bank shall be retained for a minimum of five (5) years or as required by the law. Records pertaining to donor's profile shall remained confidential and be disposed in accordance with the guidelines set by the National Archives of the Philippines (NAP).

Section 5. GUIDELINES IN THE ISSUANCE/PROVISION OF BLOOD UNITS/COMPONENTS

- 5.1. The blood and blood components are free and not for sale. It is the screening and extraction processes where reasonable amount of fees can be collected, as provided in AO No. 2015-0045.
- 5.2. A request for blood unit/s and issuance thereof shall be prepared by the requesting partner agency's blood focal person representative and the Focal Person of the Pangasinan Provincial Blood Bank act on the same.



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- 5.3. Partner agencies may avail the fifty-fifty (50-50) sharing of the generated/collected blood units which passed through the blood screening and test process of the Pangasinan Provincial Blood Bank.
- 5.4. The beneficiaries of the requested blood unit/s or component thereof shall be determined by the local blood focal representative/coordinator with the approval of the Pangasinan Provincial Blood Focal Person.

Section 6. SPECIFIC Guidelines

6.A. For Local Government Unit (LGU)/Partner Agency

- 6.A.1 Access to blood unit/s or components by a previous or recent blood donor from a partner LGU for his or immediate relative's emergency utilization should be issued free of charge provided that his/her request for blood units/components be appropriately endorsed by the Blood Focal Person Coordinator of the concerned LGU with the approval from the Provincial Blood Bank Focal Person.
- 6.A.2. In the event that requesting party for blood units/components is not a previous or recent donor, but a resident of the LGU concerned, he/she may be provided the requested blood unit/s or components free of charge, subject to the discretion of the LGU Focal Person/Coordinator concerned to be endorsed to the Provincial Blood Bank Focal Person.

6.B. Partnership with Hospitals

- 6.B.1. Access to the Pangasinan Provincial Blood Bank by private hospitals may be possible upon execution of Memorandum of Agreement between the Private Health Care Institution concerned and the Province of Pangasinan.
- 6.B.2. The request, expenses, issuance and transport of blood unit/s components are subject to the terms and conditions agreed by the concerned parties in the MOA. AO No. 2015-0045 shall nonetheless be considered in the agreement.

6.C. Walk-in Clients

- 6.C.1. Walk in clients or those who are not endorsed by the LGUs or partner agencies and/or not referred to by any Health Care Institution may be attended to by the Pangasinan Provincial Blood Bank, subject to availability and provided the walk in client agrees to abide with the policies if the Pangasinan Provincial Blood Bank.



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- 6.C.2. The request for blood unit/s or components may be provided to the concerned client after compliance with the requirements, including full payment of the corresponding blood screening and service fees.

Section 7. BLOOD SUPPLY, STORAGE AND ALLOCATION

- 7.1 The operation of the Pangasinan Provincial Blood Bank Facility by the Pangasinan Provincial Hospital shall be in accordance with the Manual Standards for Blood Service facilities.
- 7.2 Blood units and/or blood components shall be available 24/7 at the Pangasinan Provincial Blood Bank. The Pangasinan Provincial Blood Focal Person shall determine the facility's minimum blood stock inventory level from time to time and should ensure a buffer stock for emergency purposes.
- 7.3 The Pangasinan Provincial Blood Bank Facility should have the appropriate Blood Station Facility within the premises to ensure immediate access to needed blood unit/s or components by clientele and the blood stations.

Section 8. BLOOD SERVICE FEES GUIDELINES

- A. The Province of Pangasinan adopts DOH Administrative Order No. 2015-0045 for the following new maximum blood service fees to be collected by the Pangasinan Provincial Blood Bank Facility, to wit:

Whole Blood	Php 1,800.00
Packed Red Blood Cells	Php 1,500.00
Other Blood Components (Platelet Concentrate, Fresh Frozen Plasma, Cryoprecipitate & Cryosupernate)	Php 1,000.00

- B. The blood service fee shall cover the following expenses:

- b.1. Donor Recruitment/Screening
b.2. Blood Collection from Voluntary Donors
b.3. Testing for Transfusion Transmissible Infections (TTIs) and other Screening Tests: Hemoglobin, Blood Typing, Vital signs etc.
- a. Hepatitis B Virus (by EIA or Chemiluminescence);
b. Hepatitis C Virus (by EIA or chemiluminescence);
c. HIV (by EIA or Chemiluminescence)
d. Malaria Parasite (by EIA or thick and thin blood smear of Quantitative Buffy Coat Method);
e. Treponema pallidum (by rapid Plasma Reagent (RPR) or Treponema Pallidum Hemagglutination Test)



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- b.4. Component preparation; and
- b.5. General/Administrative expenses for the preparation of the blood products.

Section 9. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

The Pangasinan Provincial Blood Bank Facility shall post in the designated public area (outside the laboratory or Blood Bank) either in English or in Vernacular, the details of the Blood Service Fee as stated below:

A. "Blood is Free"

The Blood Service Fee covers the following procedures:

Testing for:

- Hepatitis B
- Hepatitis C
- HIV
- Syphilis and Malaria

Other Screening Test:

- Hemoglobin
- Blood Typing
- Vital Signs

- B. No other fees shall be collected from the patient or patient's immediate relatives (e.g. deposits, blood bond or non-replacement fee - payment for units of blood or blood products, in case patient cannot bring Voluntary Non-remunerated Blood Donors).
- C. Expenses incurred for blood transfusion related procedures shall be separate from foregoing basic blood service fees for the provision of blood and blood components chargeable and indicated on separate receipts.
- D. No honorarium fee shall be given to the blood donors.

Section 10. ROLE OF THE PANGASINAN PROVINCIAL BLOOD BANK FOCAL PERSON

- a. Participate in the formulation of the Blood Donation Program among stakeholders;
- b. Recommend necessary measures to improve the delivery of the basic services pertaining to blood related activities;
- c. Plan, coordinate and monitor advocacy campaign to promote voluntary blood donation among constituents of component local government units;
- d. Strengthen the linkages with Blood Networks, stations, non-government in the private hospital institutions with blood banks in the implementation of this ordinance;
- e. Such other functions which may be deemed appropriate for the continuous supply of blood to blood bank facility through the conduct of voluntary blood donation activity.



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Section 11. LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVES' AUTHORITY AND FUNCTION

- a. Organize service delivery network in partnership with the Pangasinan Provincial Blood Bank Council.
- b. Develop local policies and appropriate planning according to the needs of his constituents.

Section 12. FUNDING

It is hereby appropriated the amount of Php 5 Million pesos annually for the operation and maintenance of the facility chargeable against the _____ of the Province.


Section 13. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

Any provision or part of this Ordinance which may be declared unauthorized or rendered void by any judicial authority or competent authority, the provision which are not affected by such declaration shall remain valid and effective.

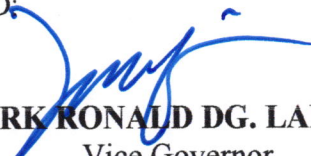
Section 14. EFFECTIVITY

This ordinance shall take effect after the compliance with the posting requirement under the Local Government Code of 1991.

CERTIFIED BY:


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