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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY**

# 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 8, 2002 at Lingayen, Pangasinan, the following provincial ordinance was approved:*

Introduced by SP Member Romeo H. Dadacay

**PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 98-2002**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SHARING SCHEME OF PROFESSIONAL FEES EMBODIED UNDER TAX ORDINANCE NO. 2-98 OF THE PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN**

**Explanatory Note**

**WHEREAS**, it is the declared policy of the State that the territorial and political subdivisions of the State shall enjoy genuine and meaningful local autonomy to enable them to attain their fullest development as self-reliant communities and make them more effective partners in the attainment of national goals;

**WHEREAS**, Section 52 (n) of RA No. 7875, otherwise known as the National Health Insurance Act of 1995, provides authority on the part of the health care institutions for the pooling and distribution of professional fees among its health personnel for the services rendered by its health care providers;

**WHEREAS**, health care institutions under the administration of the Provincial Government of Pangasinan may adopt the provisions of the statute in the pooling and distribution of professional fees;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, on motion of SP Member Romeo H. Dadacay, duly seconded, -



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**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Pangasinan in session assembled that:

**Section I. Title.** – This Ordinance shall be known “AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SHARING SCHEME OF PROFESSIONAL FEES EMBODIED UNDER TAX ORDINANCE NO. 2-98 OF THE PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN”.

**Section II. Definition of Terms** –

- a) **Health Care Institutions** – a facility duly licensed which is devoted primarily to the maintenance and operation of facilities for the health promotion, prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and care of individuals suffering from illness, disease, injury, disability or deformity, or in need of obstetrical or other medical and nursing care. This includes any institution, building or infirmaries, and such other similar names by which they may be designated.
- b) **Health Care Professionals** – any doctor of Medicine, nurse, midwife, dentist.
- c) **Medical Specialist** – a Doctor of Medicine; PRC registered with a certificate as Fellow and/or Diplomate of a relevant specialty society or a doctor who has passed the Department of Health Medical Specialist Examination, given an appointment by the Secretary or his authorized official.
- d) **Professional Fees** – fees paid for the service/s rendered by any health care institution or providers in the rendition of their expertise in the field of health care giving.
- e) **Medical Specialists Accreditation Committee** – core of representatives from the different units of the health care institutions tasked to screen and recommend applicants of various specialties to the Governor of the Province for his approval.



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- f) Non-medical staff – any individual who is not involved nor participate in the conduct or operation concerning medical science. They are those involved in clerical and office works.

**Section III. Policy and Objectives Declaration.** It is hereby declared to be the policy of the Province of Pangasinan to provide better health services to the people of Pangasinan. That in order to attain such policy, it is deemed best to give incentives to those who are employed in government-owned hospital tasked in rendering health services to the people of Pangasinan. The objective is to maintain the employment of this health care providers and to further attract those with medical expertise by enticing them to be employed in our government hospitals or to the least be part of the medical force in a limited way as a Medical Specialist or the like.

a) Only pay patients with or without Medicare privileges shall be charged professional fees according to standardized schedule of fees of all procedures, surgical interventions, examinations and etc.

b) Professional Fees can be collected from paying client/patient the amount of which shall be in accordance with R.A. 7875.

c) Billing and collection of Professional Fees should be done through the Hospital Billing and Collection Units.

d) Payment of the Professional Fee by a Medical Specialist's private patient shall be accompanied by a personal official receipt of the concerned Medical Specialist.

e) The current National Health Insurance (NHI or Medicare) rates shall be used as the basis for fees/charges for those in the Medicare Wards (Service Medicare). There should be a ceiling for additional charges based on prevailing rates as specified within the area or by the respective specialty board.

f) Payment of hospital bills shall take precedence over professional fees.



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g) The proceeds of the Professional Fees collected shall be apportioned among the medical specialists, medical staff, non-medical staff and the Provincial Government of Pangasinan in the following manner:

- i) For walk-in patient
  - 60% to attending medical specialist
  - 15% to medical staff
  - 15% to non-medical staff
  - 10% to the Provincial Government of Pangasinan
- ii) For medical specialist's private patient
  - 75% to attending medical specialist
  - 7.5% to medical staff
  - 7.5% to non-medical staff
  - 10% to the Provincial Government of Pangasinan

h) The rates of Professional Fees shall be in accordance with the PhilHealth Relative Value Scale 2001 and the rates provided in the Provincial Revenue Code for Professional Fees are hereby revised to conform therewith.

**Section IV. Medical Specialists Accreditation Committee.**

— In this connection a Medical Specialists Accreditation Committee is hereby created and the same is tasked to screen and recommend applicants of various specialties to the Governor of the Province for his approval and said committee is composed of the following:

- a) Chief of Hospital-chairman
- b) Representative of the Medical Specialists-member
- c) Representative of the Resident Physicians-member
- d) Representative of the Nursing Department-member
- e) Representative of the Hospital Administration Staff-member

**Section V. Repealing Clause.** — All ordinances, orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly. The pertinent provisions of AO No. 172, Series of 2001 Department of Health shall however form part of this Ordinance.



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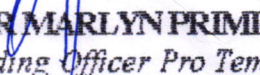
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**Section VI. Separability Clause.** – If for any reason or reasons, any part or provisions of this Ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.


**Section VII. Effectivity Clause.** – This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation and/or local circulation and shall have force and effect until December 31, 2003.

  
**DOMINGO D. REFORMADO**  
*Secretary to the Sanggunian*

ATTESTED:

  
**SP MEMBER MARLYN PRIMICIAS-AGABAS**  
*Presiding Officer Pro Tempore*

APPROVED:

  
**VICTOR E. AGBAYANI**  
*Governor*