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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The barangay may be the smallest political unit in the country, but is without a doubt the most significant in reaching out to the public and responding to immediate parochial needs. Indeed, it brings government directly to the people, serving as the primary planning and implementing arm of government in terms of implementation of programs, projects, and activities in the community, and as a forum for exchange of collective views, allowing the people to articulate their concerns and sentiments, settle their differences and collectively participate in improving the conditions of their community.

Lamentably, the delivery of basic health services which is a primordial State concern has not been properly benefiting the barangay, especially the barangay health workers. This is due mainly to budgetary constraints and archaic policies and programs that do not address present dilemmas, emanating perhaps from lack of local incentives.

The proposed measure seeks to grant compulsory coverage of barangay health workers and their dependents to the National Health Insurance Program, allowing them to receive and avail of an adequate package of personal health services, such as, in-patient hospital care, out-patient care, emergency and transfer services, and also other supplementary health benefits.

Thus, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
MANDATING THE COMPULSORY COVERAGE OF BARANGAY HEALTH
WORKERS TO THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM,
AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT. NO. 7883 AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 6 of Republic Act No. 7883 is hereby amended
2 which shall read as follows:

3 " (g) **PHILHEALTH Compulsory Coverage** – All barangay health workers
4 and their dependents shall be enrolled in the National Health Insurance Program
5 for them to receive and avail of an adequate package of personal health services
6 that must include in-patient hospital care, out-patient care, emergency and
7 transfer services, and also other supplementary health benefits as may be
8 defined by the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PHIC) and the local
9 government unit (LGU) where they render services.

10 The needed premium contributions and thereafter, the standard monthly
11 contributions, shall be borne equally by the national government and the LGU
12 concerned, such that upon the passage of this Act, the barangay health workers
13 and their dependents are automatically entitled to the full enjoyment and
14 availment of essential health services as contained in the National Health
15 Insurance Act (R.A. 7875). Such cost-sharing scheme may be revised which may
16 be made contingent on the on the LGU's financial capability to shoulder the
17 overall cost of this program: Provided that national government's share will not
18 exceed fifty percent (50%) of the needed cost.

19 The barangay health workers shall not be required to pay monthly
20 contributions and other fees or charges for them to be entitled with the program's
21 benefits."

22 **SEC. 2. Oversight Provision.** – Congress shall conduct a regular review
23 of this program which shall primarily evaluate its implementation with regard to its
24 impact and accomplishments. Such review shall be jointly undertaken by the
25 committees in the Senate and House of Representatives which have legislative
26 jurisdiction over this program.

27 **SEC. 3. Government Guarantee.** – The Government of the Republic of
28 the Philippines guarantees the financial viability of this program.

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1 **SEC. 4. Rules and Regulations.** – The Department of Health, Philippine
2 Health Insurance Corporation and Department of Interior & Local Government, in
3 coordination with the Governors, Vice-Governors and Mayors Leagues of the
4 Philippines shall formulate within one hundred (100) days the necessary rules
5 and regulations necessary to implement this Act.

6 **SEC. 5. Separability Clause.** – If any provision of this Act is declared
7 invalid, the remainder or any of this provision hereof not affected thereby shall
8 remain in force and effect.

9 **SEC. 6. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, decrees, executive orders,
10 presidential issuances and other administrative rules and regulations or parts
11 thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or
12 modified accordingly.

13 **SEC. 7. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
14 publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,