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HOUSE BILL NO. 3099

Introduced by Rep. Wilfrido Mark M. Enverga

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution provides that the State shall promote and protect the right to health of the people. It is likewise mandated to adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development and shall endeavor to make essential good health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost.

Through the National Health Insurance Program (NHIP), more than 30 million indigent Filipinos were granted access to quality health care services. Yet there is still a need to further expand the coverage of the NHIP to bring the benefits to even more Filipinos, particularly in the countryside.

This bill aims to expand the coverage and enhance the benefit package of NHIP so as to effectively carry out the PhilHealth mandate to provide health insurance coverage and ensure affordable, acceptable, available and accessible health care services for all.

Approval of this measure, therefore, is urgently and earnestly sought.


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AN ACT GRANTING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES TO PHILHEALTH MEMBERS AMENDING
FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 10 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO.7875 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS NATIONAL
HEALTH INSURANCE ACT OF 1995

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

1 **SECTION 1.** This Act shall be known as the "Expanded National Health Insurance Act of 2010."

2 **SEC. 2.** Section 10 of Republic Act. No. 7875 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 SEC. 10. *Benefit Package.* - Subject to the limitations specified in this Act and as may be determined by
4 the Corporation, the following categories of personal health services granted to the member or
5 his dependents as medically necessary or appropriate, shall include:

6 A) Inpatient hospital care:

- 7 1) room and board;
8 2) services of health care professionals;
9 3) diagnostic, laboratory, and other medical examination services;
10 4) use of surgical or medical equipment and facilities;
11 5) prescription drugs and biologicals; subject to the limitations stated in
12 Section 37 of this Act;
13 6) inpatient education packages;

14 B) Outpatient care:

- 15 1) services of health care professionals;
16 2) diagnostic, laboratory, and other medical examination services;
17 3) personal preventive services; and

1 4) prescription drugs and biologicals, subject to the limitations described in

2 Section 37 of this Act;

3 C) Emergency and transfer services:

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5 **D) PREVENTIVE HEALTHCARE SERVICES:**

6 **ANNUAL PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AT THE PHILHEALTH**
7 **ALLOWED MEDICAL FACILITIES ONLY, CONSISTING OF:**

8 **1. MEDICAL HISTORY TAKING**

9 **2. PHYSICAL EXAMINATION**

10 **3. CHEST X-RAY**

11 **4. LABORATORY CONSISTING OF:**

12 **a. COMPLETE BLOOD COUNT (CBC)**

13 **b. STOOL EXAMINATION (FECALYSIS)**

14 **c. URINALYSIS**

15 **d. ECG & FBS and**

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17 **E) Such other health care services that the Corporation shall determine to be appropriate and cost-effective:**
18 **Provided, That the Program, during its initial phase of implementation, which shall not be more than five (5)**
19 **years, shall provide a basic minimum package of benefits which shall be defined according to the**
20 **following guidelines:**

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- 22 1) the cost of providing said packages is such that the available national and local government
23 subsidies for premium payments of indigents are sufficient to extend coverage to the widest possible
24 population.
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 - 26 2) the initial set of services shall not be less than half of those provided under the current Medicare Program
27 I in terms of overall average cost of claims paid per beneficiary household per year.
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 - 29 3) the services included are prioritized, first, according to its cost-effectiveness and, second, according to its
30 potential of providing maximum relief from the financial burden on the beneficiary: Provided, That,
31 in addition to the basic minimum package, the Program shall provide supplemental health benefit coverage to
32 beneficiaries of contributory funds, taking into consideration the availability of funds for the purpose from
33 said contributory funds: Provided, further, That the Program progressively expand the basic minimum benefit
34 package as the proportion of the population covered reaches targeted milestone so that the same benefits are
35 extended to all members of the Program within five (5) years after the implementation of this Act. Such
36 expansion will provide for the gradual incorporation of supplementary health benefits previously extended
37 only to some beneficiaries into the basic minimum package extended to all beneficiaries: and
38 Provided, finally, That in the phased implementation of this Act, there should be no reduction or interruption
39 in the benefits currently enjoyed by present members of Medicare.

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3 **SEC. 3.** All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders and rules and regulations or part thereof, contrary
4 to, or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
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6 **SEC. 4.** Should any provision of this Act be found unconstitutional by a court of law, such provision shall be
7 severed from the remainder of this Act, and such action shall not affect the enforceability of the
8 remaining provisions of this Act.
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10 **SEC. 5.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in any two (2) national newspapers
11 of general circulation.
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14 **APPROVED,**