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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 6972 enacted in November 23, 1990 provides for the establishment of a day care center in every barangay, instituting therein a program for the total development and protection of children.

While the same law mandates that barangay day care workers shall receive a monthly allowance of not less than Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00) to be charged from the annual appropriations of the Department of Social Welfare and Development, the same is not commensurate with the crucial role they play in defending the right of the children to assistance, including proper care and nutrition, and to provide them with special protection against all forms of neglect, abuse, cruelty, exploitation and other conditions prejudicial to their development. They deserve more and their rights and privileges as workers should be advanced and upheld.

This measure makes up for the financial remuneration inadequacy by providing the barangay day care workers coverage in the National Health Insurance Program under the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation. At the very least, they and their dependents will be ensured of quality health care services that is affordable, acceptable, available and accessible.

Hence, the immediate and favorable passage of this bill is earnestly requested.


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**AN ACT REQUIRING THE MANDATORY COVERAGE OF ALL BARANGAY
DAY CARE WORKERS IN THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE
PROGRAM (NHIP) UNDER THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE
CORPORATION (PHILHEALTH)**

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

1 SECTION 1. *Objective.*—This Act seeks to provide for the mandatory coverage
2 of all barangay day care workers in the National Health Insurance Program (NHIP),
3 hereinafter referred to as the Program, under the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation
4 (Philhealth).

5 SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.*—Section II, Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution
6 declares that the State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health
7 development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social
8 services available to all the people at affordable cost. Priority for the needs of the
9 underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled women and children shall be recognized.
10 Likewise, it shall be the policy of the State to provide free medical care to paupers.

11 SEC. 3. *Coverage.*—All duly-accredited barangay day care workers under
12 Republic Act No. 6972 shall be covered by the Program.

13 SEC. 4. *Enrollment.*—All barangay day care workers shall enroll in the Program
14 in order for them to be placed under coverage that entitles them to avail of the benefits
15 and financial assistance provided therein; *Provided*, That the beneficiaries under this Act
16 shall be issued appropriate documentation specifying eligibility to benefits and indicating
17 how benefit was obtained or is being maintained.

18 SEC. 5. *Contributions.*—The Department of Social Welfare and Development
19 shall pay the monthly contribution of the barangay day care workers enrolled under the
20 Program.

21 SEC. 6. *Appropriation.*—The funds necessary for the implementation of this Act
22 shall be appropriated from the national budget and shall be included in the annual
23 General Appropriations Act as part of the budget of the Department of Social Welfare
24 and Development.

1 SEC. 7. *Repealing Clause*.—All laws, decrees, rules and regulations, and
2 executive orders contrary or inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified
3 accordingly.

4 SEC 8. *Effectivity*.—This Act shall take effect upon its approval and completion
5 of its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,