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House Bill No. 9660



Introduced by Hon. MARVIN C. RILLO
Representative, Fourth District, Quezon City

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill aims to address this problem by directing the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) to create a comprehensive dialysis package that fully covers dialysis expenses, thus benefitting thousands of Filipinos that currently need immediate medical intervention.

While renal transplant is still the best treatment option, it is currently challenging due to a shortage of donors and the prohibitive price tag that comes with it. For patients that have been diagnosed with End Stage Renal Disease, there seems to be no other option but to undergo dialysis for the rest of their lives, and this can set a patient and their family back approximately 200,000 to 400,000 per year.

Despite the passage of the Universal Health Care Law and kidney disease's pervasiveness in the Philippines, it remains a low priority in low and middle-income families as apart from dialysis treatments and procedures, medications and other concomitant health expenditures are still largely paid out of pocket.

On behalf of the people of the Fourth District of Quezon City, the approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.


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**“AN ACT MANDATING PHILHEALTH TO DEVELOP A
COMPREHENSIVE DIALYSIS BENEFIT PACKAGE,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”**

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the
“*Comprehensive Dialysis Benefit Package.*”

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. - It is the declared policy of the State to make available essential goods, health and other social services at affordable cost to all Filipinos. Pursuant to this, the State shall continuously improve the delivery of health services and hospital facilities to make those accessible to all.

SEC. 3. Comprehensive Dialysis Benefit Package. - Within one (1) year from the effectivity of this Act, PhilHealth, in consultation with the Health Technology Assessment Council, shall develop a comprehensive dialysis benefit package which shall fully cover all costs of hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis treatments, sessions and procedures done in PhilHealth accredited-health facilities: Provided, That, for every (2) years, the patient shall undergo an assessment for eligibility to undergo kidney transplant.

PhilHealth shall strengthen its measures against anti-fraudulent acts and intentions associated with dialysis claims.

SEC. 4. Appropriations. - The amount necessary to implement this Act shall be charged against the total revenue of PhilHealth, composed of premium contributions from direct contributors and premium subsidies of the government for the indirect contributors.

SEC. 5. Separability Clause. - If, for any reason, any part, section or provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 6. Repealing Clause. - All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.

A handwritten signature, appearing to read 'MARVIN C. RILLO', is written inside a large, hand-drawn oval. The signature is in dark ink and is somewhat stylized.

MARVIN C. RILLO

Representative

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