



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 945



Introduced by Representative Crispin Diego “Ping” D. Remulla

AN ACT
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11223, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE ACT, TO PROVIDE FOR FREE ANNUAL MEDICAL
CHECK UP FOR FILIPINOS

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 11223, also known as the Universal Health Care (UHC) Act, aims to ensure that all Filipinos have access to a comprehensive range of quality health services without incurring financial hardship. It expands the coverage of the National Health Insurance Program to include all citizens, promoting equitable and inclusive healthcare for every Filipino.

In line with the goals of the UHC Act, this proposed measure seeks to institutionalize the provision of free annual medical check-ups for all Filipinos. These check-ups shall include essential diagnostic and laboratory procedures such as a complete blood count (CBC), urinalysis, stool analysis, chest X-ray, and a general physical examination. Moreover, the bill allows individuals to avail of this benefit at any time within the calendar year, providing flexibility and encouraging early detection and prevention of illnesses.

This initiative represents a critical step toward strengthening preventive healthcare in the country. By enabling early diagnosis and timely medical intervention, it will help reduce the burden of more serious health conditions and lessen long-term healthcare costs.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Remulla', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 6 of Republic Act No. 11223, or the Universal Health Care Act
2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 “Sec. 6. *Service Coverage.* – (a) X x x

4 (b) Within two (2) years from the effectivity of this Act, Philhealth shall implement
5 a comprehensive outpatient benefit, including outpatient drug benefit, [and]
6 emergency medical services, **AND FREE ANNUAL MEDICAL CHECK UP** in
7 accordance with the recommendations of the Health Technology Assessment Council
8 (HTAC) created under Section 34 hereof[;].

9 **THE ANNUAL MEDICAL CHECK UP, AS PROVIDED FOR IN THIS**
10 **ACT, SHALL INCLUDE BASIC DIAGNOSTIC AND LABORATORY TESTS**
11 **SUCH AS THE FOLLOWING:**

12 i. **COMPLETE BLOOD COUNT**

13 ii. **FASTING BLOOD SUGAR**

14 iii. **LIPID PROFILE**

15 iv. **URINALYSIS (MACROSCOPIC AND CHEMICAL**
16 **EXAMINATION)**

1 v. **STOOL ANALYSIS**

2 vi. **CHEST X-RAY**

3 vii. **COMPLETE PHYSICAL EXAM**

4 **THE DURATION OF AVAILING THE FREE MEDICAL CHECK UP SHALL**
5 **BE FOR ONE WHOLE CALENDAR YEAR.**

6 (c) X x x

7 (d) X x x

8 **SEC. 2. *Separability Clause.*** If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid or
9 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain
10 valid and subsisting.

11 **SEC. 3. *Repealing Clause.*** All laws, presidential decrees or issuances, executive
12 orders, letter of instructions, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to, or inconsistent
13 with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

14 **SEC. 4. *Effectivity Clause.*** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
15 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,