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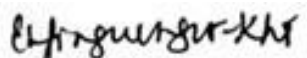
The Philippines faces a critical public health crisis with a high incidence of renal disease, largely due to prevalent conditions like diabetes and hypertension. According to 2020 WHO data, kidney disease accounts for 5.84% of total deaths in the country, ranking the Philippines 10th globally in age-adjusted kidney disease mortality.

The cost of dialysis treatment, ranging from Php 2,000 to Php 7,000 per session, is prohibitively expensive for most Filipinos, with 27% unable to afford necessary care. A study by the Philippine Society of Nephrology indicates that 60% of CKD patients are "service patients" dependent on state subsidy.

Despite existing government efforts, the rising trend of renal diseases persists, forcing economically struggling patients to forgo life-saving treatment due to high costs and lack of accessibility.

In line with the 1987 Philippine Constitution's mandate for affordable and accessible health services, especially for the underprivileged, this bill seeks to address this gap. It proposes the establishment, operation, and maintenance of dialysis service facilities in all national, regional, and provincial government hospitals. This aims to make dialysis treatment readily available and accessible, particularly for those in rural areas, and crucially, to provide free dialysis treatment to indigent patients.

The immediate approval of this measure is sought to ensure more efficient and equitable healthcare delivery for all Filipinos.


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**AN ACT
REQUIRING ALL NATIONAL, REGIONAL, AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT
HOSPITALS TO ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A DIALYSIS SERVICE
FACILITY IN THEIR RESPECTIVE HOSPITAL AND PROVIDING FREE DIALYSIS
TREATMENT TO INDIGENT PATIENTS**

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. This Act shall be known as the "Dialysis Service Facility for Indigents Act of 2025."

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. It is the declared policy of the State to improve the delivery of health care services to the people and to ensure hospital facilities are available, affordable, and accessible to the people.

SEC. 3. Definition of Terms. For purposes of this Act, the following terms shall mean:

- a) "Dialysis Service Facility" shall refer to a facility that provides treatment for chronic kidney disease to indigent patients and disseminates information on its prevention.
- b) "National Government Hospital" shall refer to a hospital operated and maintained either partially or wholly by the national government or by any department, division, board, or other agency thereof.

c) "Regional Government Hospital" shall refer to a hospital operated and maintained either partially or wholly by the national government or by any department, division, board, or other agency thereof.

d) "Provincial Government Hospital" shall refer to a hospital operated and maintained either partially or wholly by the provincial government or other political subdivision, or by any department, division, board, or other agency thereof.

e) "Indigent Patient" shall refer to a patient whose combined annual family income does not exceed Fifty Thousand Pesos (P50,000.00) annually.

SEC. 4. Establishment, Operation and Maintenance of a Dialysis Service Facility. Within two (2) years from the effectivity of this Act, all national, provincial, and regional government hospitals are hereby required to establish, operate and maintain a dialysis service facility in their hospital. It shall have a dialysis service area compliant with the Licensing Requirements imposed by the Department of Health (DOH) for private dialysis clinics. It shall further be provided with the necessary personnel and equipped with complete dialysis machine, equipment, and supplies as provided for in the same DOH issued Licensing Requirements for private dialysis clinics.

The Dialysis Service Facility shall further have a non-treatment area which shall serve as a waiting area for CKD patients and a business area for information service that shall give importance to information dissemination on the prevention of CKD.

SEC. 5. Free Dialysis Service Treatment to Indigent Patients. Indigent patients, as defined herein, shall be entitled to free dialysis treatment in all national, provincial, and regional government hospitals.

SEC. 6. Penalty. Any hospital chief, administrator, or officer-in-charge who fails to comply with this Act shall be meted with a fine of Fifty Thousand Pesos (P50,000.00) but not more than One Hundred Thousand Pesos (P100,000.00).

SEC. 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations. The DOH Secretary shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 8. Appropriations. Such amount as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this Act is hereby authorized to be appropriated from the National Treasury. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continuous implementation of this Act shall be included in the government hospital's annual appropriations.

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

SEC. 10. Repealing Clause. Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

SEC. 11. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,