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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 15, Article II (Declaration of Principles and State Policies) of the 1987 Constitution, provides:

SECTION 15. The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.

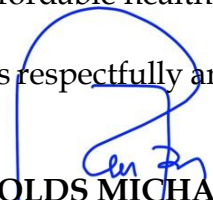
Under Section 11, Article XIII (Social Justice and Human Rights), it is the duty of the State to enact and promote measures to ensure the efficient delivery of health and social services to all people, to wit:

SECTION 11. The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers.

The Universal Health Care (UHC) Act, otherwise known as Republic Act No. 11223, was enacted to ensure that all Filipinos have access to quality and affordable healthcare services. Under Section 2 of the said Act, the State is mandated to adopt a health care model that provides all Filipinos access to a comprehensive set of quality and cost-effective, promotive, preventive, curative, rehabilitative, and palliative health services without causing financial hardship, and prioritizes the needs of the population who cannot afford such services.

Despite the passage of the said law, sick and marginalized people living in remote and isolated communities experience serious difficulty in accessing adequate and affordable health care. Health facilities in these disadvantaged places are often under-equipped or lack basic health services. Limited access to trained medical staff and professionals, as well as affordable medicine, exacerbates their existing health issues. Therefore, there is a pressing need to mobilize health clinics to facilitate medical and dental outreach activities in remote and isolated communities so that no Filipino shall be left behind and everyone would have access to quality and affordable healthcare.

As such, the early recognition and approval of this bill is respectfully and earnestly sought.


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AN ACT ESTABLISHING AND FUNDING MOBILE CLINICS IN REMOTE AND ISOLATED COMMUNITIES TO PROVIDE FREE AND REGULAR MEDICAL AND DENTAL SERVICES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the “Mobile Clinic and Medical Outreach Act of 2025.”

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. - It is hereby the policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. Towards this end, the State shall establish and deploy mobile clinics and execute regular health outreach programs in underserved and remote areas that have limited access to healthcare to ensure that people in these communities are afforded equitable access to essential medical and dental services through mobile health clinics staffed by qualified health personnel and provisioned with adequate medical equipment, supplies, and medicines.

It is also the policy of the State to proactively address the medical and dental needs of all individuals through health education and campaigns, empowering them to make informed decisions about their health and to improve the well-being of all members of society.

SECTION 3. Definition of terms.- As used in this Act:

a) Dental service. - refer to professional healthcare provisions focused on the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of conditions affecting the oral cavity, including the teeth, gums, and mouth, provided by a dental professional who is licensed to diagnose, treat, and prevent oral health problems.

b) Medical service. - refers to a broad range of professional healthcare provisions provided by a licensed medical physician directed to prevent, diagnose, or treat a medical problem or condition.

c) Mobile Clinic. - shall refer to a vehicle or transportable facility employed with a medical team aimed at providing health care services, particularly in remote and geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas.

d) Remote or isolated communities. - refers to barangays, sitios, or areas that have limited access to transportation, due to difficult terrain and poor infrastructure, and where there are no existing or adequate medical services or providers.

SECTION 4. Establishment of Mobile Clinics and Conduct of Medical Outreach Programs. - Local Government Units (LGUs), in collaboration with the Department of Health (DOH), shall establish and operate mobile health clinics dedicated to providing free medical and dental services to people living in remote or isolated communities. The mobile clinic shall regularly provide, free of charge, the following services:

- a) Health check-ups or consultation;
- b) Vaccination;
- c) Medical treatment for injuries, infections, and various health conditions; and
- d) Health education and awareness campaigns.

The conduct of the medical outreach program shall be preceded by preliminary activities that justify the need for an outreach, namely: organization of the outreach team; demand generation; and screening of clients as regards appropriate services that should be provided to them.

The Medical Outreach shall result from an agreement among the concerned DOH Regional Office (RO), the concerned LGU, and Medical Outreach Team, which stipulates at least the roles and functions of parties, number of clients to be served per day, number of teams needed to cover clients, logistical arrangements, and limitations to the cooperation among parties.

SECTION 5. Equipment and Facilities of the Mobile Clinic. - Each Mobile Clinic established under this Act shall be adequately equipped to ensure safe and effective delivery of medical and dental services. At a minimum, the mobile clinic shall be provided with:

- Ultrasound
- ECG
- X-ray
- Centrifuge
- Automatic hematology analyzer
- Automatic blood chemistry analyzer
- Urine Analyzer
- Defibrillator
- Oxygen concentrator
- OB GYN/dental examining table
- Film viewer
- UV Lamp
- Pharma Refrigerator
- Water supply facility
- Basic dental instruments, consumables, and supplies
- Generators

SECTION 6. Creation of Medical Outreach Team- The Mobile Clinic Medical Outreach Team shall be organized by the City/Municipal/Provincial Health Office to operate and manage the Mobile Clinic.

The Team shall be composed of:

- a) A Licensed physician and/or dentist who shall lead the team, perform medical or dental procedures, and ensure compliance with medical or dental standards.
- b) Nurses and/or dental assistants who shall assist in patient handling, performance of clinical and administrative duties, including record-keeping.
- c) Driver/Logistics Personnel who shall be responsible for driving and maintaining the mobile clinic vehicle, assisting in the loading and unloading of equipment, and ensuring proper set-up at outreach sites;
- d) Administrative/Support Staff –an employee who shall handle documentation and be responsible for the coordination with barangay officials, partner organizations, and other stakeholders.

SECTION 7. Responsibilities of LGUs, DOH, and PhilHealth. -

a) LGUs

- Identifying residents within their jurisdiction who require medical and dental services. They shall conduct thorough data gathering to determine the specific health concerns of their constituents and relay this information to the designated staff of the Medical Outreach Team.
- Schedule the conduct of outreach services quarterly and/or as requested
- Providing a suitable site for the mobile clinic within their respective jurisdictions.
- Allocating the necessary funds for local activities.
- Actively engage the community to ensure awareness of the mobile clinic's services and maximize participation.

b) DOH Regional Office

- Coordinate with LGUs to identify remote and isolated areas that require medical and dental services.
- Negotiate with DOH Regional Hospitals and Medical Centers or contract private practitioners to conduct outreach services.
- Allocating funds and providing essential resources, including medical and dental equipment, supplies, and commodities.
- Training and continuously monitoring the performance of the mobile clinic medical outreach teams to ensure the efficiency and quality of the mobile clinic program.
- Coordinate with other DOH units for equipment and supplies for outreach services.

c) DOH Regional Hospitals/Medical Center and Private Sector for Outreach Services

- Create and deploy Medical Outreach Teams based on schedules agreed upon with the concerned LGU and/or DOH RO.
- Contract and/or develop incentive mechanisms for the private sector to provide outreach services.
- Allocate resources for training of Medical Outreach Teams, procurement of commodities, supplies, and equipment, travel allowances, and other incidental expenses.
- Monitor the performance of the Medical Outreach Team in the provision of mobile clinic services.

d) Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth)

- Provide PhilHealth members with information on the status of their membership and benefits as members.
- Provide the DOH with the required data or statistics regarding the implementation of mobile health clinics for program review, evaluation, and conduct of research.

SECTION 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Health (DOH) shall promulgate the necessary Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) for the effective enforcement of this Act.

SECTION 9. Appropriations. - For the initial implementation of this Act, the amount necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act shall be included in the annual budget from the current year's appropriations of the implementing agencies. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Fund.

SECTION 10. Separability Clause. - If any part of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remaining parts not affected thereby shall continue to be valid and operational.

SECTION 11. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, orders, circulars, rules or regulations, and other issuances which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 12. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette or at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,