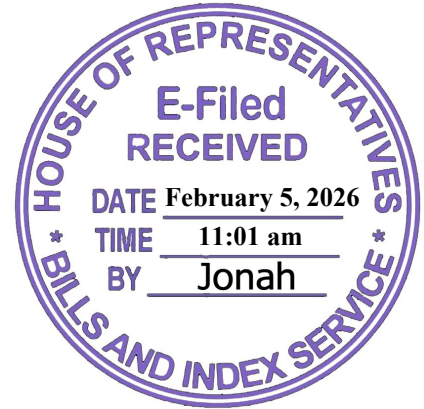




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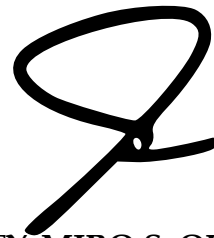
Republic Act No. 11310, or the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) Act, institutionalized the government's flagship poverty alleviation program, providing conditional cash grants to approximately 4.4 million qualified households to improve health, nutrition, and education outcomes. The program rests on the principle that sustained investment in human capital is key to breaking the intergenerational cycle of poverty.

The institutionalization of the 4Ps program during the 17th Congress was a revolutionary move in poverty reduction, despite early policy debates surrounding its implementation. With numerous successful conditional cash transfer programs around the world, such as in Brazil, it was clear that strengthening the 4Ps program was a step in the right direction. As an author of the said measure, this law represented a belief in the program's long-term role as a core pillar of social protection.

However, economic conditions have since evolved. Recent data from the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) show rising costs in essential sectors such as housing, utilities, and health. At the same time, 16.4 percent of Filipino families, or about 4.51 million households, continue to live in poverty. Despite these realities, the amount of 4Ps cash grants has remained unchanged since the law's enactment.

This measure seeks to amend Republic Act No. 11310 by increasing the conditional cash grants, ensuring that assistance remains adequate and responsive to present needs. Notably, the bill also sets a minimum amount for the first 1,000 days of a child's life, a critical period for development.

Increased funding and expanded coverage for the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program respond to current economic realities and sustain its role in reducing poverty and promoting human development. In view of the foregoing, the passage of this measure is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
AMENDING SECTIONS 2, 3, 7, 10, 11, AND 22 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11310,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO
PROGRAM (4Ps) ACT"

Be in enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippine Congress Assembled:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of Republic Act No. 11310, otherwise known as the "Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) Act" is hereby amended to read as follows and renumbered accordingly:

"Sec. 2. Declaration of Policies. – The State shall promote a just and dynamic social order thereby uplifting its citizens and marginalized sectors from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all.

The State recognizes the need to foster social justice as provided for in Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution, as follows:

"(a) xxx;

"xxx;

(G) IMPROVE THE LIVES OF CHILDREN WITH
DISABILITIES;

xxx;

SECTION 2. Section 3 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows and renumbered accordingly:

“Sec. 3. Definition of Terms. – As used in this Act, the following terms are defined, as follows:

“(a) xxx;

(C) CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES REFER TO CHILDREN WHO REQUIRE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AND RELATED SERVICES DUE TO THEIR LONG OR SHORT-TERM PHYSICAL, MENTAL, INTELLECTUAL OR SENSORY IMPAIRMENTS WHICH IN INTERACTION WITH VARIOUS BARRIERS MAY HINDER THEIR FULL AND EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION IN SOCIETY ON EQUAL BASIS WITH OTHERS TO DEVELOP THEM TO THEIR MAXIMUM CAPABILITY;

xxx;

[(f)](K) Preventive Health Check-up refers to health and nutrition services comprising of complete immunization, deworming, growth and development monitoring, management of childhood diseases; **THERAPY AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES;** malnutrition, and services for pregnant, lactating and post-partum women;

xxx;”

SECTION 3. Section 7 of the same Act is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 7. *Conditional Cash Transfer to Beneficiaries.* – The Advisory Council shall determine the amount of conditional cash transfer to beneficiaries with the following schemes:

“(a) Conditional cash transfer grant per child enrolled in day care and elementary programs shall not be lower than ~~[Three Hundred (P300.00 pesos)]~~ **FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P500.00)** per month per child for a maximum of ten (10) months per year;

“(b) Conditional cash transfer grant per child enrolled in junior high school shall not be lower than ~~[Five hundred pesos (P500.00)]~~ **SEVEN HUNDRED PESOS (P700.00)** per month per child for a maximum of ten (10) months per year;

“(c) Conditional cash transfer grant per child enrolled in senior high school shall not be lower than ~~[Seven hundred pesos (700.00)]~~ **NINE HUNDRED PESOS (P 900.00)** per month per child for a maximum of ten (10) months per year;

“(d) Health [~~and nutrition~~] grant shall not be lower than [~~Seven hundred fifty pesos (750.00)~~] **ONE THOUSAND AND EIGHT HUNDRED PESOS (P1,800.00)** per month for a maximum of twelve (12) months per year;

PROVIDED FURTHER THAT A CONDITIONAL CASH TRANSFER PER CHILD WITH DISABILITY SHALL NOT BE LOWER THAN FOUR HUNDRED PESOS (P400.00) PER MONTH PER CHILD FOR A MAXIMUM OF TWELVE (12) MONTHS PER YEAR;

(E) FOOD AND NUTRITION GRANT SHALL NOT BE LOWER THAN ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED PESOS (P1,100.00) PER MONTH FOR A MAXIMUM OF TWELVE (12) MONTHS PER YEAR.

(F) FIRST 1,000 DAYS (F1KD) GRANT PER CHILD AGED 0 TO 2 YEARS OLD SHALL NOT BE LOWER THAN FOUR HUNDRED PESOS (P400.00) PER MONTH FOR A MAXIMUM OF TWELVE (12) MONTHS PER YEAR.

SECTION 4. Paragraph 2 of Section 10 of the same Act is amended to read as follows:

“The amounts indicated in Section 7 of this Act shall be made available to the qualified household-beneficiaries during the first three (3) years of the implementation of this Act: *Provided, That every* [~~six (6)~~] **THIRD MONDAY OF JANUARY** [~~years~~] after the effectivity of this Act, the PIDS shall recommend to the NAC whether the cash grants shall be adjusted to the present value using the consumer price index, as published by the PSA: xxx”

SECTION 5. Section 11 of the same Act is amended to read as follows, and renumbered accordingly:

“SEC. 11. *Conditions for Entitlement.* - All qualified household-beneficiaries shall comply with all of the following conditions as a requirement for continued program eligibility:

“(a) xxx;

xxx;

(e) Children five (5) to eighteen (18) years old must attend elementary or secondary classes at least eighty-five percent (85%) of their time; [~~and~~]

(F) CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES AGED ZERO (0) TO EIGHTEEN (18) MUST RECEIVE REGULAR HEALTH

INTERVENTION BY A SKILLED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL OR CAREGIVER RELATED TO THE CHILD'S DISABILITY;

[~~(F)~~] (G) At least one (1) responsible person must attend family development sessions conducted by the DSWD, at least once a month;

(H) AT LEAST ONE (1) RESPONSIBLE PERSON MUST SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE AT LEAST TWO (2) GOVERNMENT-ACCREDITED LIVELIHOOD AND SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAMS, INCLUDING THOSE OFFERED BY THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA), DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (DA), DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY (DTI), DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT (DSWD), DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT (DOLE), DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DOST), AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs);

(I) PREGNANT WOMEN MUST AVAIL OF PROFESSIONAL HEALTH AND NUTRITION SERVICES, INCLUDING APPROPRIATE DELIVERY SERVICES, IMMUNIZATION, SUPPLEMENTATION, PRE-NATAL AND POST-NATAL COUNSELLING SESSIONS; AND

(J) ZERO TO TWO (2) YEARS OLD CHILDREN MUST HAVE ESSENTIAL INTRAPARTUM NEWBORN CARE, NEWBORN CARE, NEWBORN SCREENING, AND ROUTINE IMMUNIZATION, AS PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROTOCOL PER LIFE STAGE APPLICABLE FOR THAT PARTICULAR MONTH.

xxx"

SECTION 6. Section 22 of the same Act is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 22. Appropriations. - ~~[The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be charged against those authorized in the current and subsequent General Appropriations Act.]~~ THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THIS ACT SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT CORRESPONDING TO THE MAXIMUM CONDITIONAL CASH GRANTS ENTITLED TO EACH HOUSEHOLD- BENEFICIARY MULTIPLIED BY THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF ACTIVE BENEFICIARIES AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT (DSWD) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR.

PROVIDED, THAT THE NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLD-BENEFICIARIES TO BE COVERED UNDER THE

PROGRAM SHALL BE DETERMINED ANNUALLY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT, IN COORDINATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT OFFICIAL POVERTY STATISTICS AND THE FISCAL POSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT THE INCLUSION OF NEW HOUSEHOLD-BENEFICIARIES SHALL NOT RESULT IN DUPLICATION OR CONFLICT WITH THE EXISTING VALIDATED LIST OF BENEFICIARIES.

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

Approved,