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HOUSE BILL NO. 10446



Introduced by **ANG PROBINSYANO**
Party-List Representative Alfred Delos Santos

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Advancements in modern medicine have allowed for most diseases to be treated, but the adage “prevention is better than a cure”, still rings true. To produce the best prognosis possible, early diagnosis is key. However, despite a drop in unemployment and underemployment, the average nominal living wage is still well below the family living wage (FLW) for a family of five¹, thus forcing Filipinos to deprioritize health in their necessary expenses.

It is an unfortunate reality that a lot of people opt to skip medical check-ups, even in situations where they are sorely needed. Despite holding health as a top priority, health and medical affordance remain a point of anxiety for most Filipinos. A 2025 study shows that despite the clear importance given to health by most; many families still either need an HMO or to go into debt to afford medical assistance². This figure makes sense: when one earns just enough to provide for their family’s basic needs, getting a medical check-up, despite its clear preventative and proactive benefits, would give way for other pressing needs.

It is to help Filipinos from having to make these hard decisions that the present measure aims to mandate the State to provide free annual medical check-up to all Filipinos, so that cost no longer has to be a point of consideration. Through this, it is our hope that diagnosable diseases will be detected at the earliest possible time, thereby reducing the number of Filipinos who fall victim to preventable conditions, raise their quality of life, and in the long-run, ease the burden on the country’s healthcare system.

¹ IBON Foundation, “Filipino workers struggling despite reported drop in unemployment, underemployment,” January 08, 2025, available at <https://www.ibon.org/filipino-workers-struggling-nov-2024-lfs/>

² Smart Parenting, “Study Shows 64% of Filipino Families Cannot Afford a P10,000 Hospital Bill,” November 28, 2025, available at https://www.smartparenting.com.ph/life/news/filipino-families-hospital-bill-study-a6837-20251128-dyn?utm_source=Facebook-SP&utm_medium=Ownshare-Photo&utm_campaign=20260504-fbnp-life-filipino-families-hospital-bill-study-a6837-20251128-dyn-fbold-commentsectionlink

Thus, it is for the foregoing reasons that the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR A FREE ANNUAL MEDICAL CHECK-UP FOR FILIPINOS AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Free Annual Medical Check-Up for All.”

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the policy of the State to support and promote the right to health by enhancing programs that focus on preventive and curative medicine that advance the health and well-being of Filipinos and prevent disease, disability, and death. Pursuant thereto, Filipinos shall be entitled to an annual medical check-up that is free of charge in any government hospital and institution.

SECTION 3. *Coverage.* – All Filipino citizens, by virtue of their membership in the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) mandated under Republic Act No. 11223, or the “Universal Health Care Law”, shall be entitled to the applicable benefits under the Philippine Health Insurance Program.

Members shall be entitled to a free medical check-up that shall include blood sugar and cholesterol tests, and other such tests nominally included in an Executive Check-up or screening. Laboratory and diagnostic tests shall be expanded, subject to the availability of PhilHealth funds.

SECTION 4. *Schedule of Free Medical Check-Up.* – To promote health, identify risks, and ensure early diagnosis, PhilHealth shall establish a system that allows access to a free annual medical check-up and ensure that Filipinos shall be accorded the quality health care services that they deserve.

SECTION 5. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary to implement this Act shall be charged against the PhilHealth funds.

SECTION 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Department of Health shall, in coordination with PhilHealth, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act not later than ninety (90) days from its effectivity.

SECTION 7. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. *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 is hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SECTION 9. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,