

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2020-16
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AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE MANDATORY REGISTRATION IN THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION (PHILHEALTH) OF ALL INDIVIDUALS AGED 21 YEARS OLD AND ABOVE AND THOSE INDIVIDUALS BELOW 21 YEARS OLD BUT WITH A CHILD / CHILDREN, RESIDING IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BONGABONG, PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO

WHEREAS, received by the Sangguniang Bayan is the letter from the PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION (PHILHEALTH), LOCAL HEALTH INSURANCE OFFICE ORIENTAL MINDORO dated October 27, 2020 requesting to pass a Municipal Ordinance for the mandatory registration to the National Health Insurance Program (NHIP) of all individuals ages twenty one (21) years old and above and those individuals aged twenty (20) years old and below but with a child / children residing in the Municipality of Bongabong, Province of Oriental Mindoro;

WHEREAS, RA 11223 otherwise known as the Universal Health Care Law provides for an automatic PhilHealth coverage and immediate eligibility of all Filipinos, and all Filipinos requiring hospitalization are deemed eligible to avail of the PhilHealth benefits;

WHEREAS, Section 8 of RA 11223 (UHC Law) simplified the PhilHealth membership categories into direct contributors, or those who have the capacity to pay fully for their PhilHealth premium contribution, and indirect contributors, or those whose PhilHealth premiums are subsidized by the National Government;

WHEREAS, the non-registration may be attributed to every individual's capacity to pay their PhilHealth premium; thus, Section 8, Item 8.5 of the UHC-IRR provides that "PhilHealth shall authorize the DSWD or the Social Welfare Officer/s of the Local Government Units (LGUs) to determine those who are financially incapable to pay their PhilHealth premiums";

WHEREAS, all unregistered individuals shall subject themselves to the assessment on their financial capacity through the Municipal Social Welfare & Development Officer (MSDWO) in order to identify their PhilHealth membership category whether direct or indirect contributors;

WHEREAS, to be fair with the National Health Insurance Program, those individuals who will be assessed to be Financially Incapable by the Municipal Social

Welfare & Development Office shall be registered under Indirect Contributor for which their premium shall be subsidized by the National Government while those who will be assessed to be Financially Capable shall pay their premium/s in accordance with the Premium Rates specified in Section 10 of RA 11223;

WHEREAS, after a thorough deliberation, the members of the Honorable Body are in consensus to approve the said matter.

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. EVELYN B. ALEA, seconded by Hons. VICTORIA B. PADULLO, ALFONSO A. MONTALBO and NINO G. LIWANAG, be it enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan in session duly assembled, that:

Section 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be known as **AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE MANDATORY PHILHEALTH REGISTRATION OF ALL INDIVIDUALS AGED 21 YEARS OLD AND ABOVE AND THOSE INDIVIDUALS BELOW 21 YEARS OLD BUT WITH A CHILD / CHILDREN, RESIDING IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BONGABONG, PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO** and shall hereafter be called as Ordinance;

Section 2. Mandatory Registration.- All individuals aged twenty one (21) years old and above and those individuals aged below twenty one (21) years old but with a child/children residing in the Municipality of Bongabong, Province of Oriental Mindoro, but who are not yet Philhealth members at the time of the approval of this Ordinance, shall register to PhilHealth through the assistance of the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office;

Section 3. Role of the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office. The Office of the Municipal Social Welfare and Development shall determine who are financially capable or incapable to pay Philhealth premiums for the purpose of determining their membership category in accordance with the UHC Law and its IRR;

Section 4. Repealing Clause. Any ordinance contrary or repugnant to the provisions hereof are repealed, amended or modified accordingly;

Section 5. Separability Clause. If for any reason any provision or section of this Ordinance is declared illegal, other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect;

Section 6. Effectivity Clause. This Ordinance shall take effect upon compliance with the posting requirement in all the bulletin boards of the thirty six barangays and in three conspicuous places in the Municipality;

Certified true:

Atty. EDUARDO M. MAGSINO
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

Attested by:

Hon. RICHARD S. CANDELARIO
Vice-Mayor and Presiding Officer

Approved:

Hon. ELEGIO A. MALALUAN, O.D.
Municipal Mayor
Date: _____