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RESOLUTION

URGING THE MINISTER OF HEALTH, PHILHEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO CONDUCT LOCAL INFORMATION DRIVES REGARDING THE BENEFITS OF PHILHEALTH FOR ITS MEMBERS AND DEPENDENTS TO IMPROVE THE ACCESSIBILITY OF HEALTH SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro Government is mandated to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, The National Health Insurance Program was established to provide health insurance coverage and ensure affordable, acceptable, available and accessible health care services for all citizens of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the Philhealth is a government corporation attached to the Department of Health, and is in charge of administering the National Health Insurance Program.

WHEREAS, the Ministry of Health is the ministry primarily responsible for the formulation, planning, implementation and coordination of policies and programs for health, and is mandated to promote, protect, preserve and restore the health of the people through the provision and delivery of health services through regulation and encouragement of providers of health goods and services;

WHEREAS, in the first quarter of 2022 alone, heart diseases, cancer and diabetes mellitus were among the leading causes of death in the Philippines, followed by respiratory-related diseases such as pneumonia, chronic lower respiratory diseases, and respiratory tuberculosis;

WHEREAS, based on a 2019 BARMM Household Survey by the World Bank, the utilization of health services for adult communicable and non-communicable diseases,

including but not limited to tuberculosis, malaria, diabetes, cardiovascular diseases and chronic respiratory diseases, was at a very low rate of less than 10% of the respondents;

WHEREAS, based on the same study, the leading factor in deciding where to access health service is the service was free or at no cost;

WHEREAS, based on the same study, while 47% of the respondents claimed to have Philhealth coverage, only 6% of them availed of Philhealth benefits to pay for the medical services of the latest illness in the household;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, as it hereby resolved by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, to urge the minister of health, Philhealth and Local Government Units to conduct local information drives regarding the benefits of Philhealth for its members and dependents to improve the accessibility of health services.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, to send a copy of this Resolution to the Ministry of Health, PhilHealth and the Local Government Units of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao for their proper action.

Adopted,

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