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AN ACT REQUIRING ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS IN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO TO ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE A DIALYSIS UNIT IN THEIR RESPECTIVE HOSPITAL AND PROVIDE FREE DIALYSIS TREATMENT TO INDIGENT PATIENTS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Chronic Kidney Disease or Chronic Renal Disease (CKD) is a condition characterized by a gradual loss of kidney function.¹ It is a serious health problem affecting many Filipinos. In 2020, there were close to 35,000 Filipinos who underwent dialysis and treatment for kidney disease.²

Unfortunately, aside from its contribution to mortality, the growing burden of CKD is also illustrated by its associated financial costs. One of the options for a patient with end-stage kidney disease is Hemodialysis which is usually done about three sessions a week. In the Philippines, the cost of dialysis ranges from Php 2,000 to Php 7,000 or more per session. This means that a CKD patient will need around Php 6,000 to Php 21,000 per week. This high cost of CKD treatment is beyond affordable for ordinary patients.

In June 2022, the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) expanded the PhilHealth coverage for members undergoing hemodialysis from 90 to 156 sessions per year.³ This is a significant government initiative to save the lives of CKD patients. However, there is still a major challenge in the accessibility and affordability of CKD treatment due to the enormous number of patients who require dialysis treatment and the limited dialysis treatment facilities.

¹<https://kidney.org/atoz/content/about-chronic-kidney-disease>

² <https://up.edu.ph/up-webinar-takes-on-the-challenges-of-kidney-disease-and-dialysis-in-a-time-of-covid/>

³ . <https://medicalpinas.com/dialysis-centers-philippines/>
<https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2023/06/23/2275932/philhealth-expands-hemodialysis-package>

For CKD patients from BARMM, especially those from remote rural areas, traveling to get treatment is not only difficult but also a huge financial strain. Barriers to healthcare like this limit the ability of patients to obtain the care they need.

The accessibility and affordability of dialysis treatment are crucial considerations for public health, and the Bangsamoro Government plays a significant role in ensuring that such essential healthcare services are available to its citizens.

This measure seeks to require all BARMM provincial hospitals to set up, operate and maintain a dialysis unit in their respective hospital. Considering the constraints on the regional government's budget, this representation deems more practical and feasible to begin requiring the establishment of dialysis units or wards at the provincial level.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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Be it enacted by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao:

Section 1. Title. — This act shall be known as the “Bangsamoro Dialysis Act of 2024”

Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy. — It is declared policy of the Bangsamoro Government to protect and promote the right to health of the people.

Towards this end, it shall ensure that the people get the health care they need including the provision of accessible and quality dialysis treatments in all provincial tertiary hospitals in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM).

Sec. 3. Establishment, Operation and Maintenance of a Dialysis Ward or Unit — Within one (1) year from the effectivity of this Act, all provincial government tertiary hospitals are hereby required to establish, operate and maintain a dialysis ward or unit in their hospital. The dialysis ward or unit shall be adequately staffed and equipped with complete dialysis machines, equipment and supplies.

Sec. 4. Free Dialysis Treatment to Indigent Patients. - Dialysis treatments shall be free to indigent patients in all provincial tertiary hospitals in the BARMM.

Sec. 5. Eligibility for Free Dialysis Service Treatment - The patient is required to submit the following documents to be eligible for free dialysis service treatment:

1. Affidavit of Indigency; and
2. Certificate of Indigency from the DSWD, or the City or Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office having jurisdiction over the residence of the patient or Certificate of Indigency and/or No Income from the Office of the Punong Barangay/Barangay Chairperson having jurisdiction over the residence of the patient.

Sec. 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations. — The Ministry of Health (MOH) shall promulgate and issue the implementing rules and regulations within ninety (90) days upon approval of this Act.

Sec. 7. Appropriations. — Such amount as may be necessary for the initial implementation of the provisions of this Act shall be charged against the current appropriations of the MOH. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continuous implementation of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the Bangsamoro.

Sec. 8. Separability Clause. - The provisions of this Act shall be separable so that if for any reason any provision or part hereof is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or the provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

Sec. 9. Repealing Clause. - All regional laws, executive orders, rules or regulations, or any part thereof, which are inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Sec. 10. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after the completion of its publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

Approved,

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