

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
BATANGAS CITY

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION HELD BY THE
MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF BATANGAS CITY
ON FEBRUARY 3, 2014 AT THE SANGGUNIANG SESSION HALL

PRESENT:

Hon. Emilio Francisco A. Berberabe Jr.,	Presiding Officer
Hon. Glenn M. Aldover,	Councilor
Hon. Ma. Claudette U. Ambida,	"
Hon. Hamilton G. Blanco,	"
Hon. Aileen Grace A. Montalbo,	"
Hon. Sergie Rex M. Atienza,	"
Hon. Armando C. Lazarte,	"
Hon. Alyssa Renee A. Cruz,	"
Hon. Gerardo A. dela Roca,	"
Hon. Ma. Kristine Josefina G. Balmes,	"
Hon. Julian B. Villena,	"
Hon. Angelito "Dondon" A. Dimacuha,	(ABC-Rep.)

ABSENT:

None

"On motion of Councilor Aldover seconded by Councilor Lazarte, the following Resolution was Adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 24 S. 2014

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (NHIP),
IN ACCORDANCE WITH REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7875, AS FURTHER AMENDED BY
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10606, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL HEALTH
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WHEREAS, Section 11, Article XIII of the 1987 Philippine Constitution declares that the State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other services available to all people at affordable cost;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provides that "Every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom x x x and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare. Within their respective territorial jurisdictions, local government units shall ensure and support, among other things, the preservation and enrichment of culture, promote health and safety, x x x maintain peace and order and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants;"

WHEREAS, Section 4 of R.A. No. 10606, otherwise known as the National Health Insurance Act of 2013, amending Section 6 of R.A. No. 7875, as amended by R.A. No. 9241, on mandatory coverage provides that, "All citizens of the Philippines shall be covered by the National Health Insurance Program x x x Provided, That the Program shall be compulsory in all provinces, cities and municipalities nationwide, notwithstanding the existence of LGU

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based health insurance programs; Provided, further, That x x x local government units (LGUs) x x x shall ensure that members in such localities shall have access to quality and cost-effective health care services;"

WHEREAS, Section 29-A (b) of R.A. No. 10606 provides that "The needed premium contributions of all barangay health workers, nutrition scholars and other barangay workers and volunteers shall be fully borne by the LGUs concerned;"

WHEREAS, Section 18 of R.A. No. 10606 amended Section 28 (b) of R.A. No. 7875, to state that, "Contributions from members in the informal economy shall be based primarily on household earnings and assets. Those from the lowest income segment who do not qualify for full subsidy under the means test rule of the DSWD shall be entirely subsidized by the LGUs or through cost sharing mechanisms between/ among LGUs and /or legislative sponsors and/or other sponsors and/or the member, including the national government;"

WHEREAS, Section 21 of R.A. No. 10606 added Section 29-B in R.A. No. 7875 on the coverage of women about to give birth that "The annual required premium for the coverage of unenrolled women who are about to give birth shall be fully borne by the national government and/or LGUs and/or legislative sponsor which shall be determined through the means testing protocol recognized by the DSWD;"

WHEREAS, Section 30 of R.A. No. 10606 added Section 56 in R.A. No. 7875 on the requisites for issuance or renewal of license or permits which provides "Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, all government agencies issuing professional or business license or permit, shall require all applicants to submit certificate or proof of payment of PhilHealth premium contributions, prior to the issuance or renewal of such license or permit;"

WHEREAS, the Batangas City Government previously resolved through Sangguniang Panlungsod Resolution No. ___ S. 2014 adopting the National Health Insurance Program (NHIP);

WHEREAS, consistent with the vision and objectives of the State, as manifested in NHIP's mandate and in local autonomy statutes, the Sangguniang Panlungsod affirms its joint responsibility with the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (Phil-Health) to provide the people of the City of Batangas with the mechanism to gain financial access to quality health care services and to prioritize and accelerate the provision of health care services to its constituents, especially that segment of the population who cannot afford such services;

WHEREAS, the Body, considering the beneficent features of R.A. No. 7875, as further amended by R.A. No. 10606, as it will vastly improve the over-all health status of the constituents of this

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locality, and ultimately, the general quality of life, agreed to continually support the implementation of the National Health Insurance Program;


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to adopt and implement the pertinent provisions of the R.A. No. 7875, as further amended by R.A. No. 10606;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Sangguniang Panlungsod agrees to become a sponsor and to provide the required funds for the contributions of the following constituents of this locality to the NHIP, subject to the implementing rules and regulations of the National Health Insurance Act of 2013:

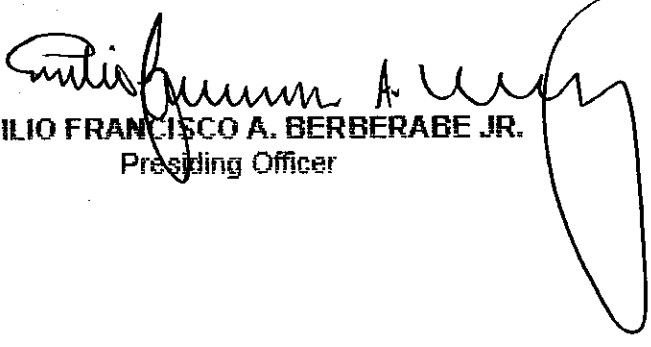
1. Barangay Health Workers, Nutrition Scholars and Other Barangay Workers and Volunteers;
2. Unenrolled women who are about to give birth;
3. Families in the lower income segment belonging to the informal economy, which may be subsidized fully by the Batangas City Government or through a cost sharing mechanism with other sponsor/s and the sponsored member.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED."

I hereby certify to the correctness of the copy of the foregoing Resolution.


ATTY. OLIVAD. TELEGATOS
Secretary
Sangguniang Panlungsod

ATTESTED:


EMILIO FRANCISCO A. BERBERABE JR.
Presiding Officer

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