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ORDINANCE NO. SP- **2598** , S-2017

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING ALL RESIDENT REGISTERED SENIOR CITIZENS OF QUEZON CITY WHO SHALL BE ADMITTED IN THE EMERGENCY ROOM OF ANY QUEZON CITY- OWNED HOSPITAL AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL BENEFIT ASSISTANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT MORE THAN FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (PHP5,000.00), TO BE TAKEN FROM THE ONE PERCENT (1%) BUDGET ALLOCATION OF THIS CITY FOR PROGRAMS, PROJECTS, AND ACTIVITIES OF SENIOR CITIZENS.

Introduced by Councilor ROGELIO "Roger" P. JUAN.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Marivic Co-Pilar, Melencio

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WHEREAS, Section 11, Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution provides that, the State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost;

WHEREAS, the said Constitution likewise expressly provides that there shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women and children; ✓

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WHEREAS, under Republic Act No. 9994 or the "Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010", the City Government is mandated to adopt measures whereby our senior citizens are assisted and appreciated by the community as a whole and to establish a program beneficial to the senior citizens, their families and the rest of the community they serve;

WHEREAS, by virtue of the objectives of R.A. No. 9994, the City Government is likewise mandated to provide a comprehensive health care and rehabilitation system for senior citizens to foster their capacity to attain a more meaningful and productive ageing;

WHEREAS, Section 4(e) of the said Republic Act provides that senior citizens are entitled to free medical and dental services, diagnostic and laboratory fees such as, but are not limited to x-rays, computerized tomography scans, and blood tests in all government facilities, subject to the guidelines to be issued by the DOH in coordination with the PhilHealth;

WHEREAS, the No Balance Billing Policy (NBBP) of PhilHealth is only applicable to patients who are confined in the hospital room or ward, and/or admitted in the intensive care unit, isolation room, and recovery room. It only covers the indigents, sponsored members, and household help;

WHEREAS, despite the free medical services which are presently provided by our government facilities and hospitals by virtue of the above-mentioned provisions of R.A. No. 9994, however, there still remain particular hospital services and medical necessities of our senior citizens that are not covered by the provisions of R.A. No. 9994, such as "stat medicines" or those immediate medicines given in emergency cases to stabilize the condition of a patient, as well as emergency medical supplies and services. In fact, there are some emergency cases that are still not attended to by the hospitals because of the incapacity of the patient to pay for the said medicines, as well as immediate medical supplies and emergency services;

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WHEREAS, the need to provide emergency medical benefit assistance to all our resident registered senior citizens is important and helpful in order to provide financial relief to our senior citizens and to their families who are already burdened emotionally and economically of the medical condition of their elderly;

WHEREAS, the 19th City Council approved Resolution No. SP-5888, S-2014, which intends to make Quezon City a "Senior Citizens Friendly City";

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY
IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE – This Ordinance shall be known as the "Quezon City Emergency Medical Benefit Assistance for Senior Citizens Ordinance of 2017".

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY – It is the policy of the Quezon City Government to adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women and children.

Towards this end, by virtue of the objectives laid down under Republic Act No. 9994, it is likewise a policy of the City Government to adopt measures whereby our senior citizens are assisted and appreciated by the community as a whole as well as to establish a program beneficial to the senior citizens. †

SECTION 3. OBJECTIVE – This Ordinance aims to provide and extend emergency medical benefit assistance of not more than Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00) to all resident registered senior citizens of Quezon City who shall be admitted in the emergency room of any Quezon City- Owned Hospital and are in need of immediate medical attention, medicines and/or medical supplies and services to address their emergency medical needs.

SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS – For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

- a. Admission/Admitted - shall refer to the admission in the emergency room of any Quezon City- Owned Hospital. It does not, however, cover admission for confinement, whether short or long term.*
- b. Emergency Medical Benefit Assistance - shall refer to the assistance provided to a senior citizen patient who shall be admitted in the emergency room of any QC-owned hospital and in need of provision of immediate medical care to stabilize his/her condition. It shall be in the form of stat medicines, medical supplies, laboratory tests and such other emergency medical services not otherwise provided free by public hospitals and/or government-owned hospitals by virtue of Section 4(e) of R.A. No. 9994 and not covered by PhilHealth.*
- c. Resident Registered Senior Citizens of Quezon City- shall refer to bonafide residents of Quezon City who are sixty (60) years old and above.*
- d. Stat medicines – shall cover immediate medicines of any kind necessary for emergency or rush treatment, usually being given upon admission in the emergency room on “immediate dispensation” basis necessary to result immediate and potential impact on senior citizen-patient’s stabilization and health management.*

SECTION 5. COVERAGE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL BENEFIT ASSISTANCE – Regardless of the number of times of admission or the kind of assistance (medicine or service) provided, the Emergency Medical Benefit Assistance of not more than Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00) can be availed of by a qualified senior citizen patient per year, without renewal in the same year in case the amount provided has been consumed. Provided, further, that said amount shall be solely and exclusively utilized by the concerned hospital for:

- 5.1. Stat Medicines of any kind;
- 5.2. Laboratory tests and pathological examinations;
- 5.3. X-ray examinations (head to toe);
- 5.4. Electrocardiogram (ECG);
- 5.5. Ultrasound;
- 5.6. 2D Echo, etc; and
- 5.7. Other general medical services.

Any amount which remains unused or unutilized for the said purpose shall be treated as agency savings.

Provided, however, that the said emergency medical benefit assistance shall not cover those medical services which are already being provided to senior citizens free of charge by virtue of Republic Act No. 9994 and/or those otherwise covered by PhilHealth benefit packages.

SECTION 6. PROVISION AND FACILITATION – Upon admission, the senior citizen patient shall present his/her Senior Citizen's I.D. duly issued by the Office of Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) of Quezon City in order to avail the emergency benefit assistance. The Emergency Medical Benefit Assistance shall be

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provided directly by the service providers of any Quezon City-Owned Hospital and shall be automatically deducted from the billing statement issued to the senior citizen patient in view of his/her admission in the emergency room.

SECTION 7. PENALTIES – Any person found in violation of this Ordinance shall be held administratively liable in accordance with existing laws. If the violator is a medical institution, its Director/ Head/ General Manager shall be held liable.

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION – The funds necessary for the implementation of this Ordinance shall be taken out from the one percent (1%) of the general fund of this City allocated for programs, projects, and activities of resident registered senior citizens of Quezon City, pursuant to the provisions of Ordinance No. SP-2494, S-2015.

SECTION 9. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS – The City Health Department, Social Services and Development Department (SSDD), the Office of the Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA), the Committee on Senior Citizens Affairs, Medical Directors or duly authorized representatives of QC- Owned Hospitals, and such other agencies concerned are hereby enjoined to participate in the crafting of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of this Ordinance which shall be done immediately upon its approval.

SECTION 10. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE – Should any provision of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or illegal by any court of competent jurisdiction, those parts that are not so declared shall remain in full force and effect.

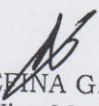
SECTION 11. REPEALING CLAUSE – Any previous Ordinance/s or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or superseded accordingly. ✓

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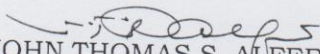
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SECTION 12. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

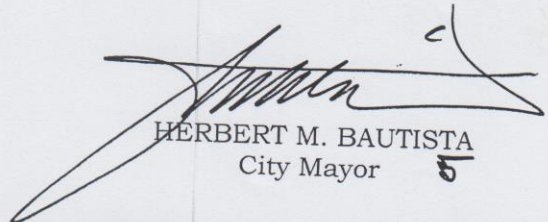
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MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

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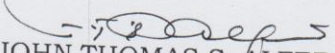

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APPROVED: 24 JUL 2017


HERBERT M. BAUTISTA
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on June 13, 2017 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on June 27, 2017.


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