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Quezon City
21st City Council

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ORDINANCE NO. SP- 3130, S-2022

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. SP-2874, S-2019, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING FOR A STANDARD MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (PHP5,000.00) BUT NOT TO EXCEED TEN THOUSAND PESOS (PHP10,000.00) FOR INDIGENT RESIDENTS OF QUEZON CITY TO BE TAKEN FROM ANY AVAILABLE FUNDS OF THE CITY", THEREBY EXTENDING THE STANDARD MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO INCLUDE CONSUMABLE HEALTH IMPLEMENTS.

Introduced by Councilors MARRA C. SUNTAY, DIORELLA MARIA G. SOTTO-ANTONIO and ALLAN BUTCH T. FRANCISCO.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Bernard R. Herrera, Lena Marie P. Juico, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Nicole Ella V. Crisologo, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Atty. Bong Liban, Ramon P. Medalla, Mikey F. Belmonte, Estrella C. Valmocina, Franz S. Pumaren, Kate Galang-Coseteng, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Jorge L. Banal, Sr., Peachy V. De Leon, Imee A. Rillo, Irene R. Belmonte, Resty B. Malañgen, Ivy L. Lagman, Hero M. Bautista, Jose A. Visaya, Patrick Michael Vargas, Shaira L. Liban, Ram V. Medalla, Marivic Co Pilar, Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Donato "Donny" C. Matias, Eric Z. Medina, Freddy S. Roxas and Noe Dela Fuente.

WHEREAS, Section 11, Article XIII of the 1987 Philippine 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; there shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children, and the State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers;

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WHEREAS, Section 458 (a)(5) of the Local Government Code of 1991 provides that the Sangguniang Panlungsod shall approve ordinances which shall ensure the efficient and effective delivery of the basic services and facilities as provided for under Section 17 of this Code, which include health services on primary health care, maternal and child care, communicable and non-communicable disease control services, access to secondary and tertiary health services; purchase of medicines, medical supplies, and equipment; as well as infrastructure facilities such as clinics, health centers and other health facilities;

WHEREAS, on 9 October 2019, the 21st Quezon City Council enacted Ordinance No. SP-2874, Series of 2019, entitled "An Ordinance Prescribing For A Standard Medical Assistance In The Amount Of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00) But Not To Exceed Ten Thousand Pesos (Php10,000.00) For Indigent Residents Of Quezon City To Be Taken From Any Available Funds Of The City", which establishes a medical assistance program for patients from indigent families of the city;

WHEREAS, to enforce this legislation, the Social Services and Development Department (SSDD), as the lead agency, implemented the medical assistance program by means of providing medicines for its beneficiaries, with the cap amount per patient as set in the Ordinance;

WHEREAS, despite the valuable assistance of the medicines from the SSDD that is given to indigent patients, many of their medical needs are not limited to medicines alone, and include consumable health implements such as intravenous fluids, intravenous cannula, ventolin, colostomy bag, dialyzer, pulse oximeter, catheter suction, dextrose, nebulizer kit, oxygen regulator and syringe among others;

WHEREAS, to broaden the benefit of the medical assistance for the city residents, as well as to prevent or lessen the out of pocket expenses of the families of the indigent patients, there is a need to amend Ordinance No. SP-2874, Series of 2019 in order to avoid limiting its assistance to medicines alone and, thus, extend it to consumable health implements as well.

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NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. Two (2) additional paragraphs shall be inserted after the first and second paragraph of Section 1 of Ordinance No. SP-2874, S-2019, to be read as follows:

“SECTION 1. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE. - An indigent family that actually resides in Quezon City shall receive medical/financial assistance in the amount of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00) or in special cases (such as those in need of chemotherapy, hemodialysis, and any related diseases that requires expensive treatment) an amount not exceeding Ten Thousand Pesos (Php10,000.00) from the City Government.

The amount provided for medical/financial assistance shall be in the form of medicines and/or consumable health implements that are directly connected to the medical illness or condition of the patient.

An “indigent family” is a family whose monthly income is less than the prevailing minimum wage, as certified by the Punong Barangay.

A “consumable health implement” is any medical article, apparatus, tool, or equipment directly related to the treatment or alleviation of the patient’s physical, mental, or emotional condition or disease, such as but not limited to intravenous fluids, intravenous cannula, and colostomy bag.”

SECTION 2. REPEALING CLAUSE. - All Ordinances, issuances, rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Code are hereby repealed, amended, rescinded and/or modified accordingly.

SECTION 3. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. - If, for any reason, any provisions, sections or any part hereof is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a competent court, other provisions hereof not affected thereby, shall remain in full force and effect.

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SECTION 4. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED: June 20, 2022.



GIAN G. SOTTO
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:



Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Government Dept. Head III


APPROVED: JUL 07 2022



MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on June 20, 2022 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on June 27, 2022.



Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Government Dept. Head III

