

EXCERPT FROM THE JOURNAL OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF GERONA, HELD AT THE SESSION HALL, ON MONDAY, 10 FEBRUARY 2014 AT 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

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| Hon. Eloy C. Eclar | - | Municipal Councilor |
| Hon. Agerico S. Batenga | - | -do- |
| Hon. Edwin Aldrin R. Yamoyam | - | Municipal Councilor and Temporary Presiding Officer |
| Hon. Eufrocino A. Bartolome, Jr. | - | Municipal Councilor |
| Hon. Pacifico L. Agudo | - | -do- |
| Hon. Daisy Diamsay-Mamba | - | -do- |
| Hon. Raul P. Cruz | - | -do- |
| Hon. Leopoldo S. Trivinio | - | -do- |
| Hon. Ronnie R. Jumawid, Sr. | - | ABC President |

ABSENT:

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| Hon. Holden N. Sembrano | - | Municipal Vice Mayor and Presiding Officer On Official Business |
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RESOLUTION NO. 46

Series of 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 INSURANCE ACT OF 2013.

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 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 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, maintain peace and order and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants”*;

WHEREAS, Section 4 of RA No. 10606, otherwise known as the National Health Insurance Act of 2013, amending Section 6 of RA No. 7875, as amended by RA No. 9241, on mandatory coverage provides that, *“All citizens of the Philippines shall be covered by the National Health Insurance Program. Provided, that the program shall be compulsory in all provinces, cities and municipalities nationwide, notwithstanding the existence of LGU-based health insurance programs: Provided further, that Local Government Units (LGUs) shall ensure that numbers in such localities shall have access to quality and cost-effective health care services.”*

WHEREAS, Section 29-A (b) of RA 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 RA No. 10606 amended Section 28 (b) of RA 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 all 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 RA No. 10606 added Section 29-B in RA 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 RA No. 10606 added Section 56 of RA 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 of proof of payment of PhilHealth premium contributions, prior to the issuance or renewal of such license or permit”*;

WHEREAS, consistent with the vision and objectives of the State, as manifested in NHIP’s mandate and in local autonomy statutes, the Sangguniang Bayan of Gerona, Tarlac affirms its joint responsibility with the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (Phil Health) to provide the people of the Municipality of Gerona, Tarlac 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 benefit features of RA No. 7875, as further amended by RA No. 10606, as it will vastly improved the over-all health status of the constituents of this locality, and ultimately, the general quality of life, agreed to continually support the implementation of the National Health Insurance Program;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. Agerico S. Batenga, Chairman of the Committee on Environmental Protection Health and Sanitation and duly seconded.

BE IT RESOLVED by this Sangguniang Bayan of Gerona, Tarlac in session assembled, to adopt and implement the pertinent provisions of the RA No. 7875, as further amended by RA No. 10606.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Sangguniang Bayan of Gerona, Tarlac 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 Provincial/City/Municipal Government or through a cost sharing mechanism with other sponsor/s and the sponsored member.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that a copy of this resolution be duly furnished all agencies and parties concerned for their information and appropriate action.

I certify that the above quoted resolution was unanimously adopted by this Sanggunian during its regular session held on 10 February 2014.

JECIEL M. IGLESIA
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED TO BE DULY ADOPTED:

EDWIN ALDRIN R. YAMOYAM
Municipal Councilor and Temporary Presiding Officer

HON. ELOY C. ECLAR

HON. AGERICO S. BATENGA

HON. EUFROCINO A. BARTOLOME, JR.

HON. PACIFICO L. AGUDO

HON. DAISY DIAMSAY-MAMBA

HON. RAUL P. CRUZ

HON. LEOPOLDO S. TRIVINIO

HON. RONNIE R. JUMAWID, SR.
ABC President

APPROVED:

DENNIS NORMAN T. GO
Municipal Mayor