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RESOLUTION NO. SP- **7219**, S-2017

A RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES TO ENACT A LAW TO FURTHER IMPROVE THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION (PHILHEALTH) BENEFIT PACKAGE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWDs) BY INCLUDING PROFESSIONAL OR DOCTOR'S FEES IN THE COVERAGE FOR IN-PATIENT AND OUT-PATIENT TO LESSEN OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES.

Introduced by Councilor ALLAN BUTCH T. FRANCISCO.
Co-Introduced by Councilors Anthony Peter D. Crisologo, Elizabeth A. Delarmente, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Oliviere T. Belmonte, Precious Hipolito Castelo, Voltaire Godofredo L. Liban III, Ramon P. Medalla, Ranulfo Z. Ludovica, Estrella C. Valmocina, Allan Benedict S. Reyes, Gian Carlo G. Sotto, Kate Abigael G. Coseteng, Jose Mario Don S. De Leon, Franz S. Pumaren, Eufemio C. Lagumbay, Marvin C. Rillo, Raquel S. Malañgen, Irene R. Belmonte, Ivy Xenia L. Lagman, Marra C. Suntay, Hero Clarence M. Bautista, Jose A. Visaya, Karl Edgar C. Castelo, Julienne Alyson Rae V. Medalla, Godofredo T. Liban II, Andres Jose G. Yllana, Jr., Marivic Co-Pilar, Melencio "Bobby" T. Castelo, Jr., Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Diorella Maria G. Sotto, Donato C. Matias, Eric Z. Medina and Ricardo B. Corpuz.

WHEREAS, our country is known as a nation that holds in high regard to the welfare of the elderly and Persons With Disabilities (PWDs). We are proud to claim that our society gives premium on ensuring that senior members of the community are respected and taken cared of, and more importantly, living in comfort and security;

WHEREAS, in line with this, Congress has enacted various legislations benefiting of senior citizens and PWDs. One of which is Republic Act No. 9994 or the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010 which provides an array of benefits, privileges and assistance for our esteemed senior citizens;

WHEREAS, the same law also grants indigent senior citizens additional privileges such as free vaccines, social pension and

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mandatory Philhealth coverage. The mandatory Philhealth coverage for indigent senior citizens enables them to avail of health services and hospitalization, however, while this provision is meritorious, it is limited only to hospitalization and laboratory fees;

WHEREAS, there is a need to remove the limitation on the mandatory Philhealth coverage for senior citizens by including in the coverage professional and/or doctor's fees to free from "out-of-pocket" expenses under the indigent or sponsored membership for senior citizens;

WHEREAS, this measure will enable all our senior citizens to feel more secure during the remaining years of their lives because of the guarantee that they will have the full access to medical and health services when the need arises.

NOW, THEREFORE,


BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to urge, as it does hereby urge the Congress of the Philippines to enact a law to further improve the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) benefit package for Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) by including professional or doctor's fees in the coverage for in-patient and out-patient to lessen out-of-pocket expenses.

ADOPTED: August 22, 2017.



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1ST Asst. Majority Floor Leader
Acting Presiding Officer

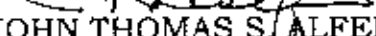
ATTESTED:



Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Gov't. Asst. Dept. Head III

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on August 22, 2017 and was CONFIRMED on September 4, 2017.



Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Gov't. Asst. Dept. Head III

