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AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A E-HEALTH CARD PROGRAM FOR LOW-INCOME AND INDIGENT RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF PASIG.

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WHEREAS, Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution states, "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill consciousness among them";

WHEREAS, Section of the same states, "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 people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the indigent, sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers";

WHEREAS, the National Health Insurance Act of 1995 provides for that an affordable and accessible health care coverage should be made available to all citizens; still, access to health care continues to be a problem for indigent Filipinos all over the country;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Pasig aims to assist these indigent and low-income earners by ensuring that basic medical health care and emergency hospitalization are made available through the E-Health Card Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it Ordained that:

SECTION 1. TITLE – This Ordinance shall be known as "E-Health Card Program".

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES: - Pursuant to Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, the State hereby declares the policy of protecting and promoting the right to health of the people and instilling health consciousness among them. Towards this end, the State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health and development, which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to indigent Filipinos. The E-Health Card Program shall adopt the following guiding principles:

- a) Allocation of Local Resources for Health – The program shall underscore the importance and priority given to health as a strategy of achieving faster economic development and greater productivity and improving the quality of life.
- b) Equality – The program shall provide for uniform, basic quality healthcare benefits. Access to healthcare must be a function of one's health needs, rather than his ability to pay.



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- c) Effectiveness and Quality of Services – The program shall balance maximum and economical use of resources with the highest quality of healthcare services by advocating programs of quality assurance at all levels of the health service delivery system.

SECTION 3. OBJECTIVES – This Ordinance aims to:

- a) Provide indigent and low-income bonafide residents of the City of Pasig quality health care services and therefore establishing the E-Health Card Program of Pasig and the Pasig Health Care Commission that will administer the implementation of the program.
- b) Provide assistance for hospitalization and other medical care expenses to indigent low-income residents of the City and their legitimate dependents.

SECTION 4. DEFINITIONS OF TERMS – For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following terms shall be defined as:

- a. Commission – refers to Pasig Health Care Commission assigned to administer the implementation of the program, members of which shall be determined through this Ordinance.
- b. E-Health Card – the document issued by the Commission to the beneficiaries to serve as an instrument for proper identification, eligibility verification and utilization recording.
- c. Indigent resident – any person whose annual income falls under the quintile 1 or 2 poor as defined by the National Statistical Coordinating Board (NSCB) standards and a bonafide resident, registered voter of the City of Pasig entitled to health care benefits under this Ordinance, including his/her legal dependents.
- d. Dependent – the legitimate, legitimated, legally adopted or acknowledged natural child who is unmarried, not gainfully employed, and not over twenty-one (21) years of age or over twenty one years of age provided he is incapable of self-support due to a physical or mental defect which is congenital or acquired during minority; the legitimate spouse living with the beneficiary and the parents of the beneficiary wholly dependent upon him/her for support.
- e. Health care benefits – refers to services relative to illness or injury which include medical services for outpatient consultation, emergency (ER) services.
- f. Emergency – an unforeseen combination of circumstances which calls for immediate intervention to preserve the life of a person, to preserve the sight of one or both eyes, having one or both ears, or one or two limbs at or above ankle or wrist.
- g. Indigent – a person who has no visible means of income, or whose income is insufficient for the subsistence of his family, as identified by the Pasig Social Welfare Department (PSWD) based on specific criteria set by the Commission.

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SECTION 5. The Pasig Health Care Commission is hereby created to be composed of the following members:

1. Dr. Joseph Panaligan
2. Dr. Paulo Castro
3. Mr. Noli Bacsal
4. Mr. Prospero Bondoy, Jr.
5. Ms. Nimfa Ignacio
6. Dr. Emma Ruth Cuevas
7. Dr. Nilda Del Rosario
8. Mr. Joselito Comsti
9. Chairman on Committee on Health of the Pasig City Council

The duties and functions of the Commission, including guidelines and schedule of meetings shall be determined.

SECTION 6. COVERAGE. – Indigent, low-income residents of the City of Pasig shall be entitled to membership in the E-Health Card Program, subject to review by the Commission.

SECTION 7. ENTITLEMENT TO BENEFITS. – Subject to the limitations specified by this Ordinance and as may be determined by the Commission, the following shall be available to members and their qualified beneficiaries:

- a) Emergency Services (ER)
- b) Outpatient Consultation
- c) Hospitalization (in patient services)

SECTION 8. FINANCIAL SUPPORT. – Each family shall be entitled to Thirty Thousand Pesos (P30,000.00) annual coverage, provided that claims for payment of the services shall be made within thirty (30) days upon discharge or release of the patient member beneficiary.

SECTION 9. PROHIBITED MEDICAL SERVICES. – The following shall not be considered as emergency or basic health care services:

- a. Long term treatment such as chemotherapy/radiotherapy and dialysis
- b. Cosmetic surgery or treatment
- c. Optometric surgery
- d. Dental check up and other related dental treatments
- e. Psychiatric illness

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - the amount of Six Million Pesos (P6,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated for this project.

SECTION 11. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. – Commission and The Pasig Social Welfare Department (PSWD) shall, within sixty (60) days from



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the effectivity of this Ordinance, promulgate the necessary rules, regulations and guidelines for the effective implementation of the program.

SECTION 12. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 13. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All Ordinances or issuances of the City or parts thereof that are inconsistent with any of the provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.


SECTION 14. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval.


APPROVED, this 2nd day of **February** 2017 at Pasig City.

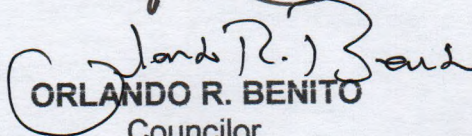

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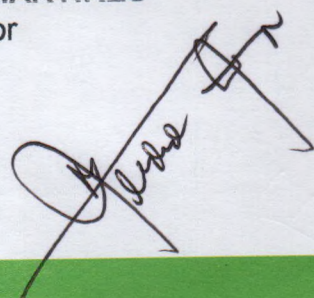

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