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City of Ilagan

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REORGANIZING AND STRENGTHENING THE PROVINCIAL HEALTH OFFICE OF THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA PURSUANT TO THE INTEGRATION OF HEALTH SERVICES INTO A PROVINCE-WIDE HEALTH SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, Section 11, Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution declared 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 people at an affordable cost. There shall be a priority for the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers";

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11223, also known as the Universal Health Care (UHC) Act, aims to progressively realize the UHC through a systematic approach and clear delineation of roles of key agencies and stakeholders towards better performance in the health system and to ensure that all Filipinos are guaranteed equitable access to quality and affordable health care goods and services, and are protected under the health systems;

WHEREAS, Section 19, Chapter V of the UHC Act provides that "The DOH, Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), PhilHealth and the LGUs shall endeavor to integrate health systems into Province-Wide and City-Wide Health Systems;

WHEREAS, Section 19.6 of Its IRR states that "The DILG and the DOH shall facilitate the integration of local health systems into province-wide and city-wide health systems through a mechanism of cooperative undertakings among the LGUs to ensure the effective and efficient delivery of health services, provided under Section 33 of RA 7160;

WHEREAS, Sections 19.12 (19.15), and 19.18 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of the UHC Act provided for the creation of at least two (2) divisions under the Provincial Health Office in the Integration of the local health systems;

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government of Isabela is constantly preparing for the full implementation of the UHC Act;

WHEREAS, there is a need to reorganize the Isabela Provincial Health Office pursuant to the direction provided by the UHC Act and to ensure compliance thereof;

NOW THEREFORE, I, **RODOLFO T. ALBANO**, Governor of the Province of **Isabela**, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. COMPOSITION. The Isabela Provincial Health Office shall be responsible for health service delivery and health systems management headed by the Isabela Provincial Health Officer and shall also function as the technical secretariat of the Provincial Health Board is hereby re-organized as follows;

1. **Health Service Delivery Division (HSDD)** to be headed by the Provincial Health Officer I, **DR. IMELDA M. GUILLERMO**;
2. **Health Service Support Division (HSSD)** to be headed by the Provincial Health Officer I, **DR. ARLENE M. LAZARO**;

SECTION 2. FUNCTIONS OF THE TWO DIVISIONS. The two divisions shall function and undertake necessary activities pursuant to UHC ACT and its IRR and other related local and national policies and guidelines, to wit:

1. The Health Service Delivery Division (HSDD) shall manage the health service delivery operations of primary care provider networks (PCPNs), hospitals and other health facilities, and oversee the implementation of public health programs including health promotion, epidemiologic surveillance and disaster risk reduction and management for health within the PWHS.
2. The Health Systems Support Division (HSSD) shall manage the health financing, including planning and budgeting, health Information system, procurement and supply chain for health products and services, local health regulation, health human resource development, and performance monitoring, among others, in close coordination with the concerned offices of the provincial government.


SECTION 3. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONS. The organizational structure and functions provided in the Annex A, B, C, D and E shall be made as an integral part of this order;

All Orders, circulars, memoranda, rules, regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof that are Inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

If any part of provision of this Executive Order is held invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions not affected thereof shall remain in full force and effect.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and let copies hereof be provided to all concerned for their information, reference, and guidance.

Done in the Province of Isabela, this 20th day of November, 2023


RODOLFO T. ALBANO III
Governor

