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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 825



Introduced by REP. JOSE CHRISTOPHER Y. BELMONTE

A RESOLUTION

**URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO EASE THE OUT-OF-POCKET
EXPENSES OF PATIENTS AND CLIENTS OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE DIALYSIS
CENTERS AND FACILITIES, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC
CENTERS, AND OTHER STAND-ALONE HEALTH AND MEDICAL FACILITIES
IN RELATION TO PROTOCOLS ADOPTED BECAUSE OF THE COVID-19
HEALTH EVENT**

1 **WHEREAS**, a State of Public Health Emergency due to the outbreak of the novel corona virus
2 disease ("COVID-19") was declared throughout the Philippines on 08 March 2020;
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4 **WHEREAS**, for the protection of health workers and the general public from being infected
5 with COVID-19, it became a public health necessity to strictly implement the wearing of
6 personal protective equipment ("PPE") by healthcare service providers, including those
7 healthcare workers servicing patients and clients in dialysis centers and facilities, medical
8 diagnostic centers, and other stand-alone health and medical facilities;
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10 **WHEREAS**, these protocols involve intensified sanitation and disinfection practices in these
11 health centers, facilities and laboratories;
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13 **WHEREAS**, a personal protective equipment costs at least seven hundred Philippine pesos
14 (Php700.00), which cost is charged to patients and clients of centers, facilities and laboratories;
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1 **WHEREAS**, the costs to intensify the sanitation and disinfection practices in these centers,
2 facilities and laboratories are also passed on to patients and clients and included in their billing
3 statements;

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5 **WHEREAS**, these protocols are absolutely necessary to prevent the transmission of COVID-
6 19 from possible vectors;

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8 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Health has the obligation to ensure that these protocols are
9 strictly followed;

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11 **WHEREAS**, patients and clients should not bear the additional expenses as an effect of the
12 protocols to prevent the transmission of COVID-19;

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14 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, that the House of
15 Representatives of the Philippines, **STRONGLY URGE** the Department of Health to provide
16 personal protective equipment (PPE) and other supplies necessary to comply with medical
17 protocols adopted because of the COVID-19 health event to dialysis centers and facilities,
18 medical diagnostic centers, and other stand-alone health and medical facilities to ease the out-
19 of-pocket expenses of patients and clients.

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21 Adopted,

