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AN ACT
REQUIRING ALL NATIONAL, REGIONAL, AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT
HOSPITALS TO ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A DIALYSIS WARD
OR UNIT IN THEIR RESPECTIVE HOSPITAL AND PROVIDING FREE DIALYSIS
TREATMENT TO INDIGENT PATIENTS

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

- 1 Section 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the "*Dialysis Center Act.*"
- 2 Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the declared policy of the State to improve
- 3 the delivery of health care services to the people and to ensure hospital facilities are
- 4 available, affordable and accessible to the people.
- 5 Sec. 3. *Definition of Terms.* – For purposes of this Act, the following terms shall
- 6 mean:
- 7 a) *Secretary* refers to the Secretary of the Department of Health;
- 8 b) *National Government Hospital* refers to a hospital operated and maintained
- 9 either partially or wholly by the national government or by any department,
- 10 division, board or other agency thereof;
- 11 c) *Regional Government Hospital* refers to a hospital operated and maintained
- 12 either partially or wholly by the national government or by any department,
- 13 division, board or other agency thereof;
- 14 d) *Provincial Government Hospital* refers to a hospital operated and maintained
- 15 either partially or wholly by the provincial government or other political
- 16 subdivision, or by any department division, board or other agency thereof; and
- 17 e) *Indigent Patient* refers to a patient who has no visible means of income,
- 18 compensation or financial assistance from his/her relatives to support his/her
- 19 basic needs, as determined by the Department of Social Welfare and
- 20 Development (DSWD).
- 21 Sec. 4. *Establishment, Operation and Maintenance of a Dialysis Ward or Unit.* –
- 22 Within two (2) years from the effectivity of this Act, all national, regional, and

1 provincial government hospitals are hereby required to establish, operate and
2 maintain a dialysis ward or unit in their hospital. The dialysis ward or unit shall be
3 equipped with complete dialysis machine, equipment and supplies.

4 Sec. 5. *Free Dialysis Treatment to Indigent Patients.* – Dialysis treatment in all
5 national, regional and provincial government hospitals shall be provided free of charge
6 to indigent patients as defined in Section 3 (e) hereof.

7 Sec. 6. *Penalty.* – Any hospital chief, administrator or officer-in-charge who fails
8 to comply with this Act shall be punished with a fine of Fifty Thousand Pesos
9 (P50,000.00) but not more than One Hundred Thousand Pesos (P100,000.00).

10 Sec. 7. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Secretary shall promulgate
11 the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

12 Sec. 8. *Appropriations.* – Such amount as may be necessary to implement the
13 provisions of this Act is hereby authorized to be appropriated from the National
14 Treasury. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continuous implementation of this
15 Act shall be included in the government hospital's annual appropriations.

16 Sec. 9. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or
17 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall
18 remain valid and subsisting.

19 Sec. 10. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive
20 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or
21 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified or amended
22 accordingly.

23 Sec. 11. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
24 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in any two (2) newspapers of general circulation in
25 the Philippines.

Approved,