

## Republic of the Philippines OUEZON CITY COUNCIL

Quezon City 20<sup>th</sup> City Council

PR20CC-659

60th Regular Session

RESOLUTION NO. SP- 7464 , S-2018

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY MAYOR, HONORABLE HERBERT M. BAUTISTA, TO INCLUDE PHILHEALTH TO NON-MEMBER PARENT-OFFICERS OF SCHOOL PARENTS AND TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (SPTA) OF QUEZON CITY UNDER THE CITY'S PHILHEALTH SPONSORED PROGRAM.

Introduced by Councilor DONATO C. MATIAS.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Lena Marie P. Juico, Elizabeth A. Delarmente, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Oliviere T. Belmonte, Precious Hipolito Castelo, Ramon P. Medalla, Ranulfo Z. Ludovica, Estrella C. Valmocina, Gian Carlo G. Sotto, Franz S. Pumaren, Raquel S. Malañgen, Irene R. Belmonte, Ivy Xenia L. Lagman, Hero Clarence M. Bautista, Jose A. Visaya, Godofredo T. Liban II, Allan Butch T. Francisco, Diorella Maria G. Sotto, Eric Z. Medina and Ricardo B. Corpuz.

WHEREAS, Section 11, Article XIII of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides, that:

"The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavour to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the under-privileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children. The State shall endeavour to provide free medical care to paupers."

WHEREAS, health is indeed one of the most important aspects in every family. However, health services in our country is not that affordable and accessible to everyone due to its high cost. Sometimes, the availing of health care services as a form of precautionary or prohibitive measure is considered as an additional unnecessary expense rather than a basic necessity of the family;

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WHEREAS, parents would just tend to allocate their meagre remaining funds to the education of their children instead of enrolling themselves in any health cards that are available in the country;

WHEREAS, under Republic Act No. 7875, otherwise known as the National Health Insurance Act of 1995, a sustainable and progressive social health insurance and affordable quality health care services will be accessible to all Filipinos even to marginalized and less privileged members of our society. They can avail of health services through their membership in the National Health Insurance Program (NHIP) or the PhilHealth;

WHEREAS, the said law specifically provides that accessibility to these health care services are accorded to Filipinos with priority to the underprivileged, children, senior and the disabled;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Government, through the leadership of Mayor Herbert M. Bautista, in an effort to provide affordable health care services under the LGU-PhilHealth Sponsored Program, have enrolled a number of indigent Quezon City residents. A concrete manifestation of the City's desire to ensure that our people, especially those who are less privileged, are adequately provided with access to quality health care services;

WHEREAS, this resolution aims parent-officers of the School Parents and Teachers Association (SPTA) of Quezon City, who are still not members of Phil-Health, to be included in the list of beneficiaries of the LGU-PhilHealth Sponsored Program for them to be able to access and enjoy healthcare benefits provided under the law;

WHEREAS, most of them belong to the underprivileged and marginalized sector of our society and thus, sometimes cannot afford high cost of medicines hospitalization when needed;

WHEREAS, the SPTA helps the school in providing a forum for the discussion of problems and their solutions related to school programs and ensures the full cooperation of parents in the efficient implementation of these school program.

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## NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to request, as it does hereby request the City Mayor, Honorable Herbert M. Bautista, to include Philhealth non-member parent-officers of School Parents and Teachers Association (SPTA) of Quezon City under the City's Philhealth Sponsored Program.

ADOPTED: April 23, 2018.

ROBERICK M. PAULATE President Pro-Tempore Acting Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

Atty JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III City Secretary

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on April 23, 2018 and was CONFIRMED on April 30, 2018.

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Atty JOHN THOMAS S. AUFEROS III