



COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SANITATION

COMMITTEE REPORT
CHS-PCR-667-2024

Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod
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Subject: A resolution to suspend Article 3 Section 21 of Amended Health and Sanitation Code in view of the advisory from Provincial Health Officer Nonie John L. Dalisay entitled "National Policy in the Provision of Birthing Assistance to Primigravid and Grand Multigravid Women"

(PCR-667-2024: Date referred: September 02, 2024)

The above-mentioned proposed resolution underwent its first reading on September 02, 2024 during the 106th Regular Session of the Sangguniang Panlungsod. The said proposed resolution was referred by the Presiding Officer, City Vice Mayor Hon. Rowena Bautista Mendiola to the Committee on Health and Sanitation.

The Committee on Health and Sanitation sent out invitations to resource persons and conducted a committee hearing on September 19, 2024 and October 02, 2024 at the Session Hall of the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

FINDINGS:

Due to an increase in infant mortality in birthing facilities, an advisory from the Provincial Health Officer (PHO) Nonie John L. Dalisay was issued to all Provincial Health Offices, Local Government Units, and Public and Private Birthing Facilities (Lying-Ins, Birthing Homes, and Clinics) regarding the continuous implementation of Administrative Order No. 2019-0026 "National Policy in the Provision of Birthing Assistance to Primigravid and Grand Multigravid Women, Department Circular No. 2021-005 "Adherence to the Definition of Low Risk Pregnancy and High Risk Pregnancy in the implementation of AO No. 2012-0012", and the lifting of Regional Memorandum No. 2023-0313 "Decongestion of Hospitals for Normal Deliveries", resulting for a city resolution to suspend Article 3, Section 21 of the Amended Health and Sanitation Code of the City of Bacoor.





Section 21 (General Admission Guidelines) of City Ordinance No. 55-2015 or the "Health and Sanitation Code of the City of Bacoor" states that no patient shall be admitted to any maternity lying-in clinics within the City of Bacoor unless the following general guidelines have been complied with:

- a. The patient should be at least eighteen (18) years and not more than thirty-five (35) years old.
- b. The patient should not have exceeded four (4) pregnancies.
- c. The patient should have at least one (1) prenatal consultation conducted by an accredited health care provider for each trimester and with increasing frequency as the date of pregnancy approaches.
- d. A woman who is pregnant for the first time who is more than 18 years old or a woman who has been pregnant five times or more may be admitted to a lying-in facility provided that they have been assessed by an Obstetrician during prenatal check-up at the facility. The delivery should also be done by the OB-GYNE otherwise they should be referred to a hospital facility for delivery.
- e. Patients who are in active labor and one having the following conditions shall be admitted to a lying-in clinic.
 - (i) Cervix is dilated at 5cm verified on internal examination
 - (ii) Uterine contractions that occur every 5 minutes or less and lasting for 60 seconds or more.
 - (iii) A leaking bag of water indicating the patient in labor
 - (iv) In cases of imminent delivery, such as bulging vaginal introitus with the head as presenting part.
- f. All deliveries that took place outside a birthing facility (i.e. tricycle, taxi or any other motor vehicle) shall not be admitted to a lying-in clinic provided that no complications are present if the patient, the mother and the baby.
- g. All emergency cases, as deemed by the medical team on duty, must be stabilized first before referral to a tertiary hospital.

The Bacoor Midwives Association of the City of Bacoor submitted a petition against the suspension of the aforementioned Section of the Health and Sanitation Code, dated September 21, 2024 to the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

They stated that the implementation of the advisory of the Provincial Health Officer (PHO) could lead to closure of privately-owned maternity clinics in the City of Bacoor. The closure of private lying-in clinics may also potentially lead to the death of patients because they can no longer be treated properly due to the influx of more expectant mothers. The advisory could also lead to the possible death of more infants due to poverty-stricken mothers may not be able to afford high fees being charged by private hospitals.

They also stated that the combined facilities of all the hospitals and health centers in the City of Bacoor may also not be enough to accommodate all mothers giving birth if privately-owned lying-in clinics are forced to close which may potentially lead not only to more infant deaths but to the deaths of other



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patients who will not be able to receive the degree of medical care to be given by private hospitals due to increase in number of patients they would have to treat.

The representative of the City Legal Services gave her manifestation of no objection to the proposed resolution suspending the specific provision of City Ordinance No. 253-2022 believing that it is an important measure not only following the higher guidelines from the DOH which is reiterated by the advisory given by the Provincial Health Officer but following the legislative actions from the national agencies by the local government unit.

RECOMMENDATION:

After a thorough review of all the circumstances and statements from the resource persons, the Committee respectfully recommends that the Sangguniang Panlungsod approve the above subject matter.

By the motion of Hon. Reynaldo C. Palabrica duly seconded by all the members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, the above subject matter was **APPROVED** during its 111th Regular Session.






WE HEREBY CERTIFY that the contents of the foregoing report are true and correct.

Signed this 7th day of October 2024 at the City of Bacoor, Cavite.


Committee on Health and Sanitation



COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA
Chairman



COUN. LEVY TELA
Vice Chairman



COUN. ALDE PAGULAYAN
Member



COUN. CATHERINE SARINO EVARISTO
Member





COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SANITATION
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE HEARING
CHS-PCR-667-2024

Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod
Received by Janet Pring
Date: 9/30/2024
Time: 4:33pm

Subject: *A resolution to suspend Article 3 Section 21 of Amended Health and Sanitation Code in view of the advisory from Provincial Health Officer Nonie John L. Dalisay entitled "National Policy in the Provision of Birthing Assistance to Primigravid and Grand Multigravid Women"*

(PCR-667-2024: Date referred: September 02, 2024)

A committee hearing on the above-subject matter was conducted last September 19, 2024, 9:30 a.m. at the Sangguniang Panlungsod Session Hall presided by Committee Chairman Hon. Reynaldo C. Palabrica.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE AND CITY COUNCILORS PRESENT:

HON. REGELIO NOLASCO
HON. LEVY TELA
HON. SIMPLICIO DOMINGUEZ

RESOURCE PERSONS PRESENT:

SALVE VALENCIANO	-	OFFICE OF THE CITY LEGAL SERVICES
PB. VIVIAN GAWARAN- RAMIREZ	-	LYING-IN CLINIC
GRACE D. SILVESTRE	-	ZAPOTE 1
CARMEN AQUINO	-	BERNARDO MATERNITY CLINIC
MA. GENE T.A. TENDENCIA	-	TENDENCIA MEDICAL AND MATERNITY LYING-
IN CLINIC		
ESTRELITA M. ALO	-	PRIVATE LYING-IN CLINIC
MARICEL ALO	-	BABY AND ME
LAILANE J. SANCHEZ	-	OFFICE OF THE CITY HEALTH SERVICES
ESMERALDA D. ALCAIRO	-	MOTHER CARE MATERNITY CLINIC
LOU PATRIX S. FUENTES II	-	M.S. FUENTES LYING-IN CLINIC
ROSALIE T. NUEZ	-	SMALL ANGEL'S BIRTHING CLINIC
ALMA B. PACTO	-	QUEENS CROWN LYING-IN CLINIC
AIDA DIMABAYAO	-	GRACE SALIP LYING-IN
LAURO RAMOS	-	MENITA RAMOS LYING-IN
MECHILLE FERNANDEZ	-	TENDENCIA MEDICAL AND MATERNITY LYING
IN CLINIC		
GENOVEVA D. REYES	-	QR CENTRAL
CHRIZTIE JOY NEYN	-	MOLINO 5
ESMERALDA ALCAIRO	-	BAYANAN
LUZVIMINDA OSUNDA	-	BACOOR
DAISYJANE GARCIA	-	SAN NICOLAS





COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Good morning, everyone. A public hearing regarding a proposed resolution to suspend Article 3, Section 21 of Amended Health and Sanitation Code in view of the advisory from Provincial Health Officer Nonie John L. Dalsay entitled "National Policy in the Provision of Birthing Assistance to Primigravid and Grand Multigravid Women is now called to order."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "For the record, present in this committee hearing are the honorable members of the city council from district two, honorable councilor Bok Nolasco."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Also from District 2, Honorable Councilor Simplicio Dominguez."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "From District 1, Honorable Councilor Levy Tela."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "May I request the secretariat to confirm the attendance of resource persons who are physically present in this hearing."

COMMITTEE SECRETARY "Good afternoon, the committee will like to acknowledged the presence of the following resource persons; kindly rise as I mention your names. From the Office of the City Legal Services, Attorney Salve Valenciano,

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Thank you."

COMMITTEE SECRETARY "From the City Health Services, Lailane Sanchez."

COMMITTEE SECRETARY "From Habay 1, rather, from Zapote 1, Punong Barangay Honorable Vivian Gawaran-Ramirez."

COMMITTEE SECRETARY "From Habay 1, Estrellita M. Alo."

COMMITTEE SECRETARY "From Habay 1, Maricel Alo."

COMMITTEE SECRETARY "From San Nicolas 3, Lou Patrix Fuentes II."

COMMITTEE SECRETARY "From Ligas 1, Carmen Aquino."

COMMITTEE SECRETARY "From Queens row Central, Alma Pacto."

COMMITTEE SECRETARY "From San Nicolas 3, Rosaile T. Nuez, and miss Aida Dimabayao. That's all Mr. Presiding Officer."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Thank you very much,"

COMMITTEE SECRETARY "Mr. Presiding Officer, I forgot one more. From Molino 4, Mr. Lauro Ramos."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Thank you sir, Good afternoon po, mabuhay."





COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "So, we are here today to hear your opinions, suggestions, and also reactions to the proposed resolution, recommending the suspension of the certain provisions of Health and Sanitation, specifically, about G1 to G5. Alam natin yan pag sinabing G1 to G5, because of the provincial health advisory issued by the provincial health officer, we come to this issue, there is a conflict between existing ordinance of Bacoor and the advisory issued by the provincial health officer. So, City Health Board conducted a meeting and as the resolution adhere to comply with the provincial health advisory. Siguro, para maintindihan natin lalo kung ano yung provincial health advisory na ibinaba sa atin. But before that we would like to acknowledged the other resource persons. Pakibanggit nalang ang inyong pangalan. For the record, Yes, ma'am kindly introduce yourself and your representation."

MA. GENE TERESITA A. TENDENCIA "Good Afternoon po, ako po Teresita A. Tendencia, owner po ako ng Tendencia Medical and Maternity Lying-in Clinic. Kasama ko po yung midwife."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Thank you very much."

MECHILLE FERNANDEZ "Good afternoon po, ako po si Mechille Fernandez, Tendencia Medical and Maternity Lying-in Clinic."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Thank you very much."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Going back to our discussion, para maintindihan natin kung ano yung provincial health advisory mentioned earlier, may I request the representative from the City Health Office, nurse Lailane Javier, would you kindly enlighten us about the provincial health officer advisory. Yung sa provincial health."

LALAIN J. SANCHEZ "Sir, yung sa resolution, recommending the suspension of Chapter 3, Section 21, paragraph D of City Ordinance No. 253-2022, series of 2022. The Amended Health and Sanitation Safety Code of Bacoor, whereas the provincial health office issued an advisory dated August 7, 2024. First, G1 and G5, all prenatal care and vaginal delivery of G1 and G5 mothers, shall be conducted in a hospital setting. Second, prenatal check-up at lying-in clinics: Prenatal and Check-ups for G1 and G5 may be carried out at lying-in clinics, by an OB-GYN specialist, provided that they have a valid birth plan in a hospital affiliated by their attending OB-GYN specialist. Third, referral of Non-High Risk G2 and G3: To alleviate congestion of GEAMH for normal deliveries, all non-high risk G2 and G3 mothers shall be referred to the nearest lying-in clinic in their area of residence for prenatal check-ups and vaginal deliveries."

LALAIN J. SANCHEZ "Whereas, significant increase of maternal mortality has been recorded recently in the Province of Cavite. Whereas, the City of Bacoor has four confirmed maternal mortality from January 2024 to August 2024. Whereas, it has been confirmed that maternal death cases involved Gravida 1 and Gravida 5 which are considered as high risk pregnancies. Whereas, it is the duty and responsibility of the government to protect and safeguard the health of both mother and the child. Whereas, Chapter 3 Section 21 Paragraph D (A woman who is pregnant for the first time who is more than eighteen (18) years old or a woman who has been pregnant five (5) times or more maybe admitted to a lying-in facility provided that the they have been assessed by Obstetrician (OB) during prenatal check-up at the facility. The delivery should also be done by





the OB-GYNE otherwise they should be referred to a hospital facility for delivery) is in contrast to the advisory issued by the Provincial Health Office."

LALAINÉ J. SANCHEZ "Now, Therefore, resolved as it is hereby Resolved, that Chapter 3 Section 21, Paragraph D be recommended to be SUSPENDED in compliance to the Health Advisory issued by the Provincial Health Office and to ensure public health safety. Resolved further that the above mention ordinance be amended by the Sangguniang Panlungsod."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "So, that is the City Health Ordinance Resolution, alam natin lahat na naglabas ng health advisory ang ating Provincial Health Officer, Si Nonie Dalsay, na hindi na papayagan sa mga birthing, maternity and lying-in clinics yung Gravida 1 at Gravida 5. So, it is recommended that doon nalang sa mga hospital ang panganganak, tama naman miss Lane? So, that is the very reason, kasi ang nakita ng City Health Board, syempre mas may gravity yung issuance ng mga health Officer kesa doon sa ordinansa natin dito sa Bacoor and besides, yung ordinansang binanggit natin, na sinususpend ang particular chapter, article and paragraph, ay binase ito na puwede pa noon."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Gravida 1 and Gravida 5 doon sa mga birthing places natin, mga maternity and lying-in clinic. Hindi naman ibig sabihin na may existing na ganun, ay supercede natin yung mga advisory from the higher government. Yun po ang pag-uusapan natin ngayon, hihingi po kami ng reaction niyo tungkol dito, kasi we are about to suspend this particular provision ng ating ordinansa, para maka comply tayo sa advisory ng Provincial Health Office, and besides may lumabas pa na, may na receive kami na CHD advisory, from the region, signed by, Assistant Secretary of Health Ariel I. Valencia, sinasabi dito, tungkol sa dineddefine dito, yung high-risk pregnancy kasama po doon yung prim and gravid or G1 tsaka yung G5, or more, binabanggit po dito."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "So, ibig sabihin, yung advisory ng Provincial Health Office ay naka align doon sa issuance ng regional office. Doon sa administrative order, nakalagay dito, to ensure the risk associated with primi gravid or G1 and grand multi gravid appropriate manage birthing center manage by midwife and nurses be required to refrain from handling primigravid and grand multi gravid. Yun ang nakalagay dito, galing naman sa region. So, hihingan namin kayo reaksiyon niyo tungkol dito, opinyon niyo, para mapag-aralan ng committee, for us to decide if we are really going to suspend the specific provision of our city ordinance allowing the Gravida 1 and Gravida 5 to be done in maternity lying-in clinics."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Kasi doon sa Provincial Health Advisory, sa at saka original advisory, ay pinagbabawal nila. Sabi nga, to refrain, hindi puwede. Tingnan natin papakinggan namin kayo. The very purpose of this hearing is to hear your opinion/reaction, kaya this is your time to speak out, para pag-aralan namin ito."

PB. VIVIAN GAWARAN- RAMIREZ "Honorable Rey Palabrica po, sa totoo lang po, ang isang buntis, ay talaga pong high-risk, alam po natin lahat yan, wala po yan G1 or G5 pataas. Pero aspeto ng ano, kung yan naman ang buntis yan ay handled ng professional, nakikita niya at naalagaan niya, alam niya kung kaya niyang paanakin o hindi po, lalo na sa matatagal ng midwife at doctor. Ito pong provision na ito, noong araw pa po ito, ay provision na yan. During the 2016, kasama ko po ang Dasma, nakipaglaban po kami sa DOH, sa main, Yung G1 and G5, kung maari ang mag handle ay obstetrician, yan po ay nagawa po namin, sinundan naman ito ng ating City Health





Officer na si Doktora Ivy, doon po nakagawa ng batas na yan, tapos nagsabay pa po yung pandemic. Inaallowed po kami magpaanak, pero po ang panganay at pang-lima ay doktor ang maghahandle. Kung ito po ay ipapatupad, gaya mo ngayon, ipapatupad po sa atin, marami po kaming maapektuhan, sa kabuhayan namin. Maaapektuhan at maraming magiging jobless at isa pa po, alam natin ang hospital po natin, hindi rin po kaya din, lolo po ngayon, birthing month itong February, ay September, ber months po, ay anakan po yan."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Bakit, kaya garun? Anakan ang September?"

PB. VIVIAN GAWARAN- RAMIREZ "Ginawa po yan ng December, pagdating po ng December gawaan po ng bata yan."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Gawaan pala ang Christmas season."

PB. VIVIAN GAWARAN- RAMIREZ "Kaya po yung mga buntis po natin, marami pong nanganganak sa kalsada, yun nga po natataboy yung pasyente, na natatakot baka magkaroon kami ng, baka matanggalan kami ng lisensya, o ano po. Nakakaawa po yung isang pasyente, iniri nalang, bitbit ang bata. Nagkataon po na ang apelyido ng bata ay bitbit din, kaya binitbit niya ang bata, yung inunan nasa puwerfa, sa pintuan ko po nangyari yan. Kailan lang po, G5 po yan. Galing po yan sa kasamahan ko pong midwife, kay Longos Sandyan, kakalikit niya po, wala akong choice. Isa pa rin po yun magiging dahilan na dadami at tataas ang mortality ng maternal natin. Sana nga po, matulungan niyo po kami rito, kasi only in CALABARZON, sa Region 4-A lang po ito. Pero po ito rin po ay kinoconduct, nag titiktok pa nga po sa social media yung mga midwife ng G5, sa katabi natin sa Manila. Nagkataon lang po, nagkaroon ang Dasma ng maraming mortality rate, nakipag dialogue, dapat po nagkaroon ng consultation, gaya po sa inyo, kaya dumarefso po sila kay Doktor Dalsay, kaya po ngayon, ito po ang nangyari, nakasama po kami."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Yung ating ordinance na inaallow kayo sa Gravida 1 at sa Gravida 5, 2022 ordinance ito, this is the time of pandemic, Covid time, so because of the covid outbreak, or pandemic, ay congested ang mga hospital, so maybe, it's a remedy of Department Of Health, para malibre sila, maka focus sila sa covid, pinayagan mapanganak ang Gravida 1, o I conduct ang Gravida 1 at Gravida 5 sa mga birthing places, sa maternity lying-in, kaya lang, Kapitana, Madam President of this Association, mayroon dito nakalagay sa CALABRZON nga, kay Assistant Secretary Ariel Valencia, nililift na yung Regional Memorandum entitled 'Decongestion Hospitals' ito yung pinag-uusapan natin, na pinayagan kayo, Decongestion of hospitals for normal deliveries dated March 15, 2023, is hereby lifted in effect."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "So ibig sabihin, hindi naming papayagan, kasi no longer in effect na yung pag aallow nila sa inyo sa Gravida 1 at Gravida 5, kaya nga kahit kami rito, nahihirapan kasi, syempre, ginagamit ninyo sa ngayon yung ordinansa natin, and that is an ordinance. Kaya lang, may problema naman ang City Government, particular ang Sangguniang Panlungsod, kasi hindi naman kaya i supercede ng local legislation or local regulation, ang mga regulation sa national, especially health yung expertise, experience. Malay naming sa panganganak ang mga konsehal, hindi namin alam yun. So, we will rely on the professional, on health authorities, on whatever the policies, regulation they may issue. Katulad nito, pero hindi naman ibig sabihin nito, hindi namin pakikilingan yung inyong damdamin, gusto naming marinig, baka makatulong kami sa inyo, kung hindi natin ito maiwasan, may remedy naman tayo, ang





concern dito ninyo, mababawasan kayo ng kita, madaling sabi. Panganay, multigravida, hindi naman mapupunta sainyo."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "So ano nalang, ibig bang sabihin nito nurse Lane, ang puwede nalang doon sa mga birthing places yung pangalawang, pangatlong, pang-apat na anak, yun nalang puwede sa kanila? Pagka panganay hindi puwede, hospital talaga, pang-lima, hospital na rin and more. Two, three, four nalang pala ang nymber ninyo. So pag 2,3,4 nalang may affect yun sa inyong operation at saka sa business side operations niyo, tama?"

PB. VIVIAN GAWARAN- RAMIREZ "Tama po."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Do we have data kung ilan pinanganak na 2,3,4 na pinapanganak, na panganganak sa siyudad sa buong taon? Mayroon ba tayong data niyan? For us to referral to this committee, on the decision we will be making. Yes?"

MIDWIFE 1 "Good afternoon po, hindi lang po sa kita ng mga bawat may-ari ng lying-in, ang pinakamalaking epekto nito councilor, kasi po, nakakatulong po kami sa G1, maaccommodate sila ng OB-GYN, mas mura po, yung binabayaran nila, at ng professional free ng OB-GYN na hahandle sa kanila, which is kung hindi na kami iaallow na iaccept sila doon sa aming mga lying-in clinic, sila po ay mapipilitan na pumila sa government hospital which is STRH, UNI which is hindi nila kayang I accommodate, marami po kasing hanggang fifteen lang po na prenatal check-up ang inaallow po nila every day. So yung iba po, hindi na po nagpaacheck-up."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "That is a very good concern, maganda yung ni raise mong issue, alam naman natin sa government hospitals, pila talaga."

MIDWIFE 1 "Yes po. Hindi po nila talaga kayang I accommodate."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "So kung may check-up kailangan, sa kanila din?"

MIDWIFE 1 "Yes po, hindi po nila tatanggapin ang pasyente kung wala po silang check-up."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "So ang result ng buntis, pupunta sa private."

MIDWIFE 1 "Kung kaya po nila magbayad."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Gastos yun, Kung mahirap na buntis, maaring hindi na magpa check-up pa, tama naman."

"Councilor, isa rin po, Cavite lang po ang nagkakaroon ng ganitong issue. Ang mga kasamahan po naming midwife, sa Bulacan, Manila, Pampanga, wala po silang ganitong issue, and Laguna. Innaallow po silang magpaanak ng first baby, midwife po lito ha, sila po ay inaallow na magpaanak ng first baby as long as ang lying-in clinic nila ay DOH accredited, Philhealth accredited, at BEmOC train po ang midwife. Dito lang po nagkaroon ng issue sa Cavite lalo na po nung inimplement nila yung nagkaroon ng advisory, gawa daw po ng Jayam Hospital, maraming mortality case which is hindi naman po kami nagdadala ng patient sa Jayam, napakalayo po nito sa amin."



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COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "But we have four confirmed cases from January to August, dito sa atin mismo."

MIDWIFE 1 "Yun po gusto naming alamin, pinapatawag po kami ni Doktora Ivy, everytime may mortality case. so hindi po namin alam at hindi po kami aware councilor, kung saan po nanggaling yung four mortality case, kung ito po ba ay galing hospital."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Puwede ko bang, kasi may personal knowledge ako doon sa ibang cases, puwede kong banggitin dito?"

MIDWIFE 1 "Yes po."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Detrimental on the part of Lying-in clinic, baka huwag na siguro baka mapasama pa. I believed and also confirmed, that we have four mortality cases dito sa Bacoor lang, kaya nga yung City Health Board nag conduct ng meeting, to resolve this issue, aside from the issuance of the Provincial Health Officer, but also because of this mortality, confirmed mortality."

MIDWIFE 1 "Sir, ito po ba ay datos ng G1 at G5?"

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Yes."

MIDWIFE 1 "Ito po ay first baby at ano..."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Yes."

MIDWIFE 1 "Gusto lang po namin malinawan kung hindi po ito related sa G1 at G5."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "I personally confirmed the report. I have most of the knowledge of the confirmed cases."

MIDWIFE 1 "Sa lying-in po ito?"

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Yes."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Ang problema natin dito, issuance kasi ito ng region, nagtataka rin ako kung bakit, sabi mo nga, Cavite lang."

MIDWIFE 1 "Yes po."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Samantalang, ang issuance ni Assistant Secretary ng Health ang nag issue, nagtakot na concurrent na si Dr. Ariel Valencia, concurrent Regional Health Director, pero Assistant Secretary siya, mind you, Assistant, hindi undersecretary. Pag undersecretary kasi political accommodation yan, political appointee yan, ito career, Assistant Secretary, so medyo may weight kasi ito. Yan ang gusto natin I resolved. Pero pinapakinggan namin ang sinasabi ninyo, so that we can help."





COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "So, in the Economic side, yung business side niyo, nag-lisip kami ng paraan paano, isang paraang puwede, sakali. Magpasa kami ng batas na moratorium, kung ilan kayo yun nalang, huwag ng magdagdag. Kasi kung hindi, mahahali pa yung market, may dagdagan pa po ng kahati, kung ano yung existing yun nalang, para hindi kayo maapektuhan on the economic side. Pero on the administrative side, regarding this issuance, yun ay yung may problema kami. Kasi we are local government we don't have the power to supercede the national regulations, yan ang dilemma namin, kaya hindi namin alam kung paano, siguro magtulongan natin, nag appeal na ba kayo kay Assistant Secretary Valencia? Regarding this issuance?"

PB. VIVIAN GAWARAN- RAMIREZ "Nag appeal na po ang aming President ng EMAP, regarding diyan, nagtataka nga po si Ma'am Pat, bakit nga dito sa Region 4 nagkaganyan, ito lamang ay advisory sinasabi noong nag meeting kami last month, na magtulong-tulong po kami nila Dra. Facunada regarding diyan, na makipag-usap kami rito, siya naman ang gumagawa at wala pa sa national ang final, kasi nasa first table palang po ito. Kaya nagulat po kami."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Kaya still, mas high authority sila kaysa sa atin, yun ang isang problema natin. So, any mortality, which result to noncompliance of this advisory, masisi ang City Government niyan. Halimbawa, may namatay na panganay, diyan sa isa mga maternity clinic, pag may namatay diyan, sihin ang Gobyerno ng Bacoor. The attention of the City Government of Bacoor, already called upon. Kung may namatay na panganay, sasabihin nila 'Oh, City Government, pinadalhan na namin kayo' tantamount puwede kami kasuhan sa Ombudsman, yun ang isang dilemma natin diyan."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Kaya naisip ko kasi ang pagtulong niyo sa mga babaeng manganganak, panganay man o hindi, nandodoon, maraming salamat po doon. Ngayon, pero you are all existing dahil business niyo ito, and also you are reacting. I'm very sorry for being frank and honest, kailangan ko lang sabihin, you're all existing dahil business niyo ito, source of living din ito, tama? Nanduduon yung public service kaakibat pero, source of living niyo rin ito. Ngayon, ang nakikita ko rito, epekto nito, yung issuance ng Regional Health Office, ay apektado talaga ang economic business side ng business ninyo. Kasi mawawalan na kayo ng market dito sa panganay, mawawalan pa kayo ng market sa doon sa multigravida, So, 2,3,4 nalang ang sainyo."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Kaya nga, our study, gusto namin kayong tulungan, kaya isa sa tulong na nakikita namin, which I offer earlier, ay magpasa kami ng resolusyon, wala ng bago, kayo-kayo nalang. Kasi kung madadagdan pa, lalo pa kayong masasaktan. Habang inaayos ninyo ito, sabi niyo nga, evidently, in-oppose niyo yung issuance ng Regional Health and Provincial Health Office tama naman diba? Kaya lang, nandito na sa Sangguniang, kailangan namin aksyunan. Medyo, alam niyo ba yung sitwasyon natin? Pero, ito lang ang puwede kong masabi sainyo, in case na ma fixed niyo ito sa Regional Health Office, kaya nga ang term namin na gagamitin is only to suspend, not to amend, iba yung amend, permanent yun, yung suspend, temporary in nature yun, kasi hoping na ma fixed niyo ito sa Regional Health Authorities, sa higher authorities, para yung gusto ninyo, based on our existing ordinance, ay magawa pa rin natin, pinag-aaralan namin, masyadong komplikado."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "So ang matutulong namin sainyo, is to suspend nalang muna ito. Yung Gravida 1 at Gravida 5 pero, kaya finanong ko sainyo kanina na Madam President, hindi





kita tatawaging Kapitana ha, kasi you are here as a representative of this Association, you're not here as Punong Barangay. So, Madam President, ang pinaka maganda diyan, yung appeal niyo sa mga health offices, concerned health office, the Provincial and the Regional ituloy niyo, kasi kami rito, obligado kami I adhere, tulad niyan, may City Health Board resolution to comply with the Provincial Health Office Advisory, tapos wala pa yung Regional Health Office Advisory kay Assistant Secretary Valencia nung ginawa ang City Health Board Resolution, lalo pang tumindi na bumaba itong Regional, galing kay Assistant Secretary Valencia, kasi pinalilift yung decongestion policy na ipinasa nung 2023, kaya lalong tumibay ang Provincial Health Advisory. So ang magagawa namin, in order to help in your situation, I suspend lang muna namin yun, hindi naming aamyendahan totally, bibigyan namin kayo ng time para I fixed ninyo, kasi kayo ang proper appropriate association or representative para sa I appeal ninyo. Kasi sabi niyo nga, bakit yung ibang Region wala, sa Region 4-A lang. Among Provinces sa Region 4-A, bakit Cavite lang? So, I appeal ninyo ito? I appeal ninyo. Kaya lang for the meantime."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "I am very sorry to say, ang kaya namin itulong namin sainyo, ay hanggang dito lang muna. Isuspend lang namin. Hanggang doon lang ang maitutulong namin sainyo. Kumbaga, temporary in nature, anytime puwedeng lift as mentioned. In a form of resolution, may lift yung suspension. Pero, not to comply with the Health Advisory, madadali asng Bacoor diyan. Yan ang problema. Yes?"

MIDWIFE 1 "Kasi po ang maghahandle po nun is OB, so mga doctor po ang maghahandle. Hindi ko alam kung bakit po kailangan i-suspend, hindi naman po kaming mga midwife ang nogpapaanak ng G1 at G5."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Ipaunawa ko lang sayo. We are legislators, hindi kami Doctor, hindi kami OB-GYN, yung technical aspect of this issue, hindi namin, wala kaming experience doon. We will rely on datas, information, from Health Professionals, especially Government Health Authorities. Kaya kung ano yung binaba nila, yun ang susundan namin. Kaya nga nung 2022, nagkaroon tayo ng ordinansa, Si Attorney Atega, siya yung nag draft ng ordinansa, ang basis niya kung bakit may multigravida 1 at multigravida 5 noang panahon na yun na nakalagay sa ordinansa, ang pinagbasehan natin ay ang Regional Health Regulation, yun ang basis. Ngayon, yung basis natin noon, binawi niya yun, obligado rin kaming bawiin din yun sa ordinansa. Pero isinasalang-alang rin namin kayong lahat, kaya hindi namin permanently inaamend, sinususpend lang muna namin kasi we are giving you opportunity and time to appeal before the Regional or higher up authorities of health. Kung papayagan nila, balik natin yung ordinansa, walang problema. Hanggang doon lang ang matutulong namin sa ngayon."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Pero to defy with the advisory, may problema po ang City Government of Bacoor kung ganun. One mortality case lang, liable ang government ng Bacoor. Buti kung hindi namin na receive yung advisory. Duly received, officially received by the Government, may problema po tayo doon. Gusto man namin kayong pagbigyan, may violation naman ang gobyerno natin. Kaya nga naisip naming mga konsehal, ay tuwag natin I permanent, suspend lang muna natin, para baka puwede pa nilang ayusin. Nagkakausap naman kami ni mareng Vivian tungkol diyan eh, alam ko ang sitwasyon ninyo, kaya dati ang payo ko sayo mare diba, kausapin niyo si Dalisay, para kung bawiin nila, wala tayong problema."





COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Ang problema ninyo, hindi sa amin, nasa kanila ang problema, and limited din yung powers and authorities namin, hindi namin puwedeng I defy ang mga national regulations and maybe enlighten us about the regulations, from national to local, may we hear from Attorney Bambli, puwede ba natin I defy yung national regulation lalo na health ang issue?"

ATTY. SALVE VALENCIANO "Good Afternoon po, actually po, initially upon receiving the invitation po, from the..."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Paki lapit lang sa microphone, para marinig ng lahat."

ATTY. SALVE VALENCIANO "Initially, upon receiving po ng invitation from the committee, first thing in mind, considering that there is already Provincial advisory, which is also based on the issuances of the Department of Health, para sabi nalang natin, walang problema ito, kasi kumbaga, the Local Government is implementing kung ano po yung pinatutupad ng National Government, yun nga lang din po talaga, as a mother din, nauunawaan ko din po ang kanilang..."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "May anak ka na rin pala Attorney?"

ATTY. SALVE VALENCIANO "Opo."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Hindi halata."

ATTY. SALVE VALENCIANO "Yun nga paano yung mga nanay, regardless po kung panganganak po ba ito, third, fourth, fifth, ba ito, parang kung nandiyan na po diba? Yun nga lang po talaga, again, I support po yung maging decision ng ating committee chair po in this afternoon, yung stand po, when it comes to policy implementations. I think po na mag stand po initially po as this moment yung position ng ating committee to implement yung Provincial Advisory po, which is based din po sa Regional and National Health Offices."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "I resolved natin yung sa mga nanay na walang pambayad pang manganganay, paano yung nurse Lane, halimbawa, obligado sila sa check-up palang sa hospital na sila."

LAILANE J. SANCHEZ "So yung for G1 and G5 po kasi since pinasuspend na rin po yung advisory, so much better po since alam ko po sa mga lying-in, may OB-GYN naman na nakakacatch ng primi and multi gravid, siguro doon Konsi, based doon sa assessment ng mga OB-GYN, upon assessment, malalaman nila kung high risk yung isang pasyente. So, basically, sa first visit palang, dapat doon palang, nasasabi na rin po ng OB-GYN, when sila pupunta dapat ng hospital at saka kung saan sila dapat pumunta."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "So, in short, Gravida 1, kasi ganito, hindi naman alam ng mga tao 'to diba? Ang mentality ng mga tao, ang mindset nila, 'pag buntis ako, doon ako sa kakilala kong midwife o maternity. Kasi doon nannganak yung kaibigan ko, pinsan ko, kapatid ko.' So, ngayon, pupunta siya doon, magpapacheck-up siya roon. Puwede yun, allowed naman yun."





LAILANE J. SANCHEZ "Yes Konsi, puwede naman po siya kasi yung isang buntis, dapat kasi mayroon siyang birth plan, so sa birth plan na yun, dapat nakalagay doon, nandoon na po lahat kasi, kung saan ba siya talaga manganganak, para po din, siguro maiwasan po natin yung kung saan-saan, para po kasi nangyayari, inilalako yung isang buntis."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Ganito kaya gawin natin? Para kasi ma handle, kung okay, ikaw mag sabi kung tama ang sinasabi ko. We are not the expert of this, yung panganganak, pagbubuntis, Kaya naming mambuntis pero hindi namin alam kung paano i handle 'to, according sa regulation ng gobyerno. Halimbawa, mga manganganay, pupunta sa maternity clinic, doon siya mag papa check-up, doon lahat, pero panganganak, obligado sa hospital?"

LAILANE J. SANCHEZ "Yes po, Konsi."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "So, puwede nilang i refer sa hospital?"

LAILANE J. SANCHEZ "Yes po, may mga MOA naman po ang mga lying-ins at mga hospitals."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Teka, isa-isahin natin. Himayin ko lang, kung puwede silang mag check-up, okay yun, walang violations with the issuance?"

LAILANE J. SANCHEZ "Opo."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Ngayon, i charge yung check-up conducted ng lying-in, usually PhilHealth, or in short, puwede bang i charge, like service charge, check-up charge?"

LAILANE J. SANCHEZ "For the prenatal. Kasi actually, Konsi, hindi ko alam kung paano yung pagdating doon sa consultations sa mga lying-ins."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Parang consultation fee?"

LAILANE J. SANCHEZ "Opo. Yung consultation fee."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Pakinggan po natin si Madam President."

PB. VIVIAN GAWARAN- RAMIREZ "Excuse me po, masagot ko po yung ano po, Councilor, Nurse Lane, pag po ang buntis, ay nacheck-up yan, pero dapat five months palang natratransfer na yan. Pero kung yan ay thirty-five to thirt-six weeks, pag sa government hindi nila yan tatanggapin yan. Dapat first trimester nasa public na sila."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "So, ibig sabihin, madedetect na buntis, on the second month pa yun diba? Hindi niregla? Paano yun?"

PB. VIVIAN GAWARAN- RAMIREZ "Ano palang po, first trimester alam na po yan, kasi po Councilor, ganito po yan, ang pregnant woman sa protocol po ng government, dapat nasa second and third trimester na sa kanila na yan. Kung doon po manganganak, gaya po ng sabi, dapat may birth plan ang isang buntis. Kung i hahandle po namin ang buntis at i checheck up ng OB namin, dapat yung OB rin po naming ang magpapaanak. Kung ito ay dadalhin nila, sa kanilang private hospital, alam niyo very expensive sa private hospital po. Eighty to ninety thousand, normal





delivery po. Sa Lying-in clinic, ang check-up ng OB, ng G1 at G5, ang mababayaran lang po nila ay ten thousand to twelve thousand, kasi po yung Philhealth ay napupunta sa facility, yung PF po na ten to fifteen, sa doctor na po yun. Yun lang po ang binabayaran ng isang pasyente."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "So with this issuance of Director Ariel Valencia, mapapamahal ang buntis. Yung panganay saka yung pang lima. Garito gagawin natin, nag-iisip lang kami ng paraan, gusto namin kayong matulungan kaya tali rin kami rito, hindi namin hindi naming puwedeng I defy ito. Ang gagawin natin para matulungan naming kayo, para doon sa appeal kay Valencia, okay lang ba sainyo yun? Magpapasa kami ng resolusyon clarifying, i-ci-cite namin yung sinasabi niyo, bakit sa Bulacan, bakit sa Laguna wala, icicite namin yun. Pero for the meantime, ang maganda kasi nag-aappeal tayo, sumusunod din tayo. Kaysa tayo lang lagi, ang sa akin lang, kumbaga, for the meantime, kaya isuspend nalang muna natin, habang nag aappeal, pero kami mismo magkakaroon ng team action in favor of your Association, appealing to the health authorities, para ma contest natin ang kanilang, kasi hindi naman hindi puwedeng sundin yun, yare ang local government dito."

PB. VIVIAN GAWARAN- RAMIREZ "Honorable Rey, Sa totoo lang po, alam po yan ng mga, sila rin po pinag-aaralan nila yan during the peak season, hindi alam kung saan nila isisiksik ang mga nanganganak lalo na yung multi..."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Maganda nga yan, maganda yung sandamkam para ma realized nila mali yung desisyon nila, babaguhin nila. Punuin natin ng buntis ang hospital. Pagtulong-tulungan natin, para hindi na sila magkandaugaga para ibalik sainyo lahat yan."

PB. VIVIAN GAWARAN- RAMIREZ "Kaya yung Las Piñas District at STRH pumunta po kayo doon, apat po sa isang bed."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Kaya nga, para ma realize nila. Kasi, maari kasi ang desisyon nila ay based on health issues, pero yung ibang factors ng pagbubuntis hindi nila nakikita yun. Halimbawa, yung accommodation sa hospital, sabi mo nga, kahit sa Fabella nandoon na sa pasilyo, may dala nang sleeping bag yung mga buntis doon e, para ma realize din nila. Kaya nga, yung mga bagay na yan ilalagay namin sa resolusyon, sa appeal namin kay Valencia. Tulong namin sainyo, kaya lang, unfortunately, my dear friends, kailangan muna natin gawin ito, temporary measure natin, pero may remedyo tayo, tutulungan pa rin namin kayo. Para I allow tayo, o I correct, wag natin sabihing I correct, baka sabihin mas magaling tayo sa kanila, kung hindi, I allow nila ulit. Kumbaga, gagawa kami ng legislative measures, kaya hingin natin ang opinyon ni Attorney Atega."

ATTY. KHALID ATEGA "Your Honor, maganda po yung suggestion ng committee, na susundin po muna natin advisory ng Provincial Health Officer, habang nag aapila pa po tayo. Ang suggestion ko po, baka puwede po yung mga bisita po natin ngayon, gumawa ng position paper na address sa Sangguniang para po yung position paper po ninyo, gagawin po naming dahilan, kung bakit tayo nag aapila sa Provincial Health Office. Yung position paper ninyo, iattach po namin sa resolution, naipapasa ng Sangguniang Panlungsod para mungkahi po, gandahan ninyo yung position paper, ilagay niyo po lahat ng nabanggit ninyo sa hearing na ito, kung puwede po mas detalyado po para mas maganda. Para po mahimok po natin yung DOH, na ireconsider po yung kanilang inuutos, maraming salamat po your honor."





COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Parang motion for reconsideration gagawin natin, this is form of a safety resolution signed by all Councilors, Vice-Mayor, and the Mayor. Matibay itong papel na gagawin natin para sainyo, kaya lang kung idedy natin, pare-pareho tayong mapapahamak. Kasi ganito mangyayari niyan, sampolan ko lang kayo, yung panganay namatay diyan sa health clinic na yan, I call ang attention ng City Health ng Government of Bacoor. 'may namatay diyan, confirmed panganay yan, mayroon na kaming advisory, na received ninyo, wala kayong aksiyon, dinety ninyo yan.' so may kaso yan. May kaso si City Government, tapos yung birthing clinics na yan syempre, aorderan sila ngayon, Parehong perwisyo sa atin. Kaya for the meantime, yun lang ang nakikita ko, the only remedy for the meantime, na no choice tayo. Isuspend muna natin but we will appeal, at kasama niyo kami sa pag appeal. So ngayon, yung lahat ng binanggit niyo, maganda kung may naka attach pa na kaakibat na mga proof, lagyan niyo ng picture na congested yung mga hospital ng mga bagong panganak, lagyan niyo ng bill kung meron kayo ng nanganak na panganay sa hospital, isama na rin natin. Para makita nila lahat ng aspeto, na ang mga kababayan nating mahihirap, mahirapan magbayad sa hospital kasi ito yung bill, naka attach. Ang condition nila, hindi conducive ang lugar ng hospital sa pag anak, kasi congested na sila."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "May picture tayo na sa isang bed apat yung nanganak. Bakla hindi nila nakikita, so, tayo ang magpapakita sa kanila and we are with you. The City Council and the Mayor is with you in this appeal. Kasama niyo kami, kami ang magresolution, kami ang magpapatupad, kasi iaattach lang namin ito, I attach lang namin yung position paper ninyo, pero kami ang nangunguna para mag appeal para sa inyo. Ayaw niyo ba yun? Kasi whether we like it or not, to be honest, masuspend talaga ang provision ng ordinansang ito. Hindi natin puwedeng I supercede ang higher government regulation, dahil local government tayo, definite yun. Hindi natin puwede, ito yung business niyo. Ito lang ang sasabihin ng DOH sa inyo, sabi ng DOH, ang basis ng ordinansa ninyo ay yung decongestion memorandum circular namin nung araw. Nililit na naming, ano pang basis niyo? Wala na tayong basis. Wala tayong panghahawakan. Tama? Yun ang problema natin. Yes?"

PB. VIVIAN GAWARAN- RAMIREZ "Councilor Palabrica, ngayon nga po, may mga pasyente kami, G1 at G5, sinasabi niyo po for the meantime, isuspend, paano po kung napaanak po namin? likot, bumalik yung pasyente sa amin, wala siyang choice na pinapunta na sa amin, ano po bang maging violation po namin? At walang nangyari sa bata at nanay."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Ganito, isuspend namin ito, yung sinasabi mo yung process ng regulation, particular yung City Ordinance, pag suspend namin, halimbawa kung naipasa sa lunes, pipirmahan namin lahat tapos, pipirmahan ni Mayor, iforward sa Sangguniang Panlalawigan for review. Pagbaba noon, gagawan pa ng IRR, siguro mga two months, yun naman ang usual period na natatapos ang batas, pag nagawan ng IRR, doon na eeffect ito. Kaya kung eeffect na yan, doon na magsisimula yung violation ninyo sa ordinance. Linawin ko sainyo, sa ordinance, pero dito sa advisory ng Provincial and Regional Office, ngayon palang, may violation na kayo. At puwede nila kaming icompel sasabihin 'naglabas na kami, na received niyo na bigay niyo na,' kasi ang may police power ay local government, so icocompell na kami, 'bigyan niyo ng, ito yung advise namin, ito yung recommended namin action.' so yun yung ano. Pero kung wala naman, edi okay, walang problema. Ang sinasabi ko lang, yung tungkol sa ordinance na gagawin, ay after I draft ng IRR and posting, ten days ng posting, eeffect yung ordinansa."





PB. VIVIAN GAWARAN- RAMIREZ "Ito pa po, kinausap ko rin po ang presidente ng PhilHealth, tinanong ko kung puwede kami magpaanak ng G1 at G5, kung makakakoleksyon kami sa kanila. Wala naman daw problema po. Kaya talagang naguluhan lang po ako."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Maganda yan."

PB. VIVIAN GAWARAN- RAMIREZ "Opo."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Kaya nga, sumulat ka sa PhilHealth para documented, na 'makasingil ba kami? Kung napaanak namin,' gamitin mong term yung 'napaanak namin' hindi yung 'ipinaanak namin', 'napaanak namin' para kunwari, emergency. Tinuturo ko lang sayo. tapos yung sulat nila, na pinapayagan kayo na, iattach din natin doon sa appeal sa DOH. Okay? Isang justification yun. Ang PhilHealth pumapayag, kayo hindi?"

PB. VIVIAN GAWARAN- RAMIREZ "Last month lang ako umattend..."

MIDWIFE 2 "Puwede po ba ko magsalita?"

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Yes po, go ahead po. You're recognized."

MIDWIFE 2 "Kasi po, sabi niyo, kaya yung memorandum ngayon, sa Gravida 1 at Gravida 5, hindi naapprove dahil sa congestion, ngayon po ang rason ay dahil sa mortality rate, kaya po inanuna."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Lilinawin ko po, kasi mukhang kaunti lang ang nakuha niyo sa..."

MIDWIFE 2 "Hindi po, kasi ang sabi po ninyo ang..."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Lilinawin ko nga po sainyo, kasi ang binabato niyo sa akin, ang justification ng, dahil doon sa mortality. Yes, one of the justification ng board resolution ng health, hindi pa ito City Ordinance. City Health Board palang ito. Iba pa yun, iba pang ordinance. Sa City Health Board, one of the justifications kasi may confirmed cases of mortality, involving Gravida 1 and Gravida 5. Ngayon, ang talagang justification ng ordinance, bakit kailangan namin i amend, gusto mo ba i amend na namin ito o suspend lang?"

MIDWIFE 2 "Huwag naman po sir."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Huwag mo akong gagalitin. Isuspend ano? Para naiintindihan niyo po lahat. Kaya naming isuspend, lang, dahil tinutulungan namin kayo, ang dahilan ang basis ng ordinansa na ginagamit ninyo, na pinapayagan ang Gravida 1 at Gravida 5, ay nilift na mismo ng DOH. Anong basis nung ordinansa namin? Wala na. Kaya puwede kaming icompell ngayon, puwede kaming kasuhan, pag nagkaroon ng Gravida 1 mortality, Gravida 5 mortality, puwede kaming kasuhang DOH. Ang City Government mismo, ang Mayor ang kakasuhan, including kami, kasi nandito na, wala kaming aksyon. In action of every issuances by the higher authorities, subject to Ombudsman case kami diyan. Yun po yun. Naintindihan niyo po? Kung bakit namin isuspend lang, dahil mahal namin kayo, tinutulungan namin kayo, may emphasis yan."





COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Pangalawa, dahil ang basis ng ordinansa na gamit natin laban sa health, na sa Bacoor may ordinansang puwede ang Gravida 1 at Gravida 5, ay nilift na, bigyan niyo nga sila ng kopya nito. Nilift na ng DOH, kaya wala na tayong basehan, doon sa ordinansa, pero hindi natin pinuputol yun. Tutulongan namin kaya through a legislation, in a form of City Resolution, appealing to the DOH uthorities, para I consider yung poisisyon ninyo kaya hinihingan namin kayo ng position paper. Naintindihan niyo po, ate?"

MIDWIFE 2 "Opo sir, kaya lang parang masyadong mabigat naman po."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Hindi po kami, Kaya nga po, naintindihan po namin yun. Intending-intinding po naming yun, kaya nga po, apektado yung hanap-buhay ninyo, alam po namin yun. Kaya nga, isa sa remedyo, ay huwag na tayong pumayag na may bagong ma dead, ang hanap-buhay niyo ay panganganak. Nagtataka naman ako dito sa mga maternity lying-in, nagpaanak lang pero nanganganak din. Kaya pipigilan nalang natin. Kayo-kayo na muna, mag moratorium na tayo, wala ng maidadagdag, para yung dami ng bilang na nanganganak, ay para sa inyo nalang, hindi na magkakaroon ng share yung bagong darating. Huwag na nating payagan. Kayo-kayo nalang, kasi sa economic side ninyo, yun ang maitutulong ng gobyerno ng Bacoor."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Puwede naman kasi kami maglabas ng regulation, walang tatayong lying-in sa Bacoor, bukod sa existing. Gusto niyo bang may magtayo pang iba? Payag kayo? Payag, hindi?"

PB. VIVIAN GAWARAN- RAMIREZ "Councilor, hindi po kami makasagot."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Payag ba kayo na madagdagan pa ng Lying-in clinic sa Bacoor? Wala na? much, better. Pero masisigurado ninyo na wala ng magtatayo kung may batas. Proteksiyon sa inyo. Nasasainyo na po yun kung gusto niyong magsara. lumipat ng ibang bayan, doon sa puwede yung Gravida 1 at Gravida 5, that is your decision. Pero, sinasabi namin sainyo ngayon, pinag-uusapan natin ngayon, hindi natin puwede suwayin anng nasa taas, tapos yunbg pinaglalaman niyong Gravida 1 at Gravida 5, ang gamit ninyo ordinansa namin, na ginawa namin. Na ang basehan, regulasyon ng DOH. Ang regulasyon ng DOH na yun, ay nilift na. Edi wala ng basehan ang ordinansa natin. Ano laban natin? Kaya nga tayo nagawa ng paraan kung papaano. Kung ayaw niyo sa paraan na sino suggest namin, wala naman kaming magagawa. Pero ang gusto lang naming iparating sainyo, hindi namin kayo pinababayaan. Kung ano pa man ang remedy na possible remedy, kasama niyo kami."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Kaya sinasabi niyo kanina, wala naman tayo, magtatayo o magsasara, mayroon, ay nasa inyo po. Kung hindi niyo po kailangan ng tulong namin, okay lang po. Kami nag offer ng tulong, kasi nararamdaman namin kayo. Pero sana maintindihan ninyo, ang kalaban niyo dito DOH, hindi kami, tapos ginagamit ninyong ordinansa namin na basehan galing sa DOH, linanggal ng DOH, ano na ngayon yung basehan natin? Sige bigyan niyo ko ng basehan. Baka puwede natin pagtulongan. Kasi hindi constructive ang sinasabi. Gusto namin tumulong pero ayaw niyo, okay."

PB. VIVIAN GAWARAN- RAMIREZ "Pasensya na po. Siguro na ano lang yung mga kasamahan ko."





COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Nalintindihaan ko naman kayo mare, alam mo naman kung paano ako dumamay diyan."

PB. VIVIAN GAWARAN- RAMIREZ "Humihingi po ako ng dispensa sa inyo bilang presidente nila, kami po ay narito para malayos at matulungan niyo kami, kasi nga ito ang aming bread and butter, ito ang aming hanap-buhay."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Alam niyo kung gaano namin kayo pinahahalagahan? Dalawang lawyer ang pinaattend namin sa hearing ngayon. Si Attorney Bambi from the City Legal Service Office, at nandito mismo yung gumawa ng ordinansa, si Attorney Atega, kasi nga para matulungan namin kayo. Kung anong puwede natin gawin, kaya lang, tali kasi tayo doon sa, kung mataas lang tayo sa Regional, baka sinibak na natin yun. Hindi puwede."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Please make it on record that the Association of Lying-in Clinics of Bacoor, headed by its President Madam Vivian Gawaran-Ramirez, submitted a position paper, signed by all of the officers of the Association."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Baka may nakalimutan pa kayong diyan? Ipahabol natin, para matulungan natin. Hindi ko alam kung mapapasa natin sa Monday ang suspension nito, or depende pa yan sa mga konsehal, apat lang kami dito sa committee, ang magdedecide nito ay buong konseho, so magkakaroon pa ng deliberation, kung ano ang mga sinabi niyo dito, ay irereport naming sa session on Monday. Para hindi pagbatehan kung hindi I express ang opinyon ng mga konsehal at pagbobotohan."

PB. VIVIAN GAWARAN- RAMIREZ "Siguro po ay dagdagan namin, pero ilalagay din namin kung ano yung mga possible epekto."

"Okay po."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Kung mayroon pang dagdag for supplemental position paper. Kasi baka may nakalimutan kayo, puwede pa ihabol, until Monday, bago mag session."

PB. VIVIAN GAWARAN- RAMIREZ "Mamaya po, Ipapareceived nalang namin sa secretariat."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Puwede naman nating ireceived ngayon, kung mayroon kayong pahabol, sa supplemental position paper to received. Anytime today, tomorrow, or Monday before the session. Babasahin namin yan sa session."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "Any motion from the members?"

COUN. ROGELIO NOLASCO "Mr. Chair, since there is no other issue to be discuss, I moved the adjournment of this committee hearing."

COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA "It has been moved by honorable Nolasco, that this hearing be adjourn, any second to the motion, any objections? hearing none, therefore, this committee hearing is now adjourned."





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Attested by:

COUNCILOR REYNALDO C. PALABRICA
Chairman





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(September 19, 2024 1:00 PM)
(SP Session Hall)

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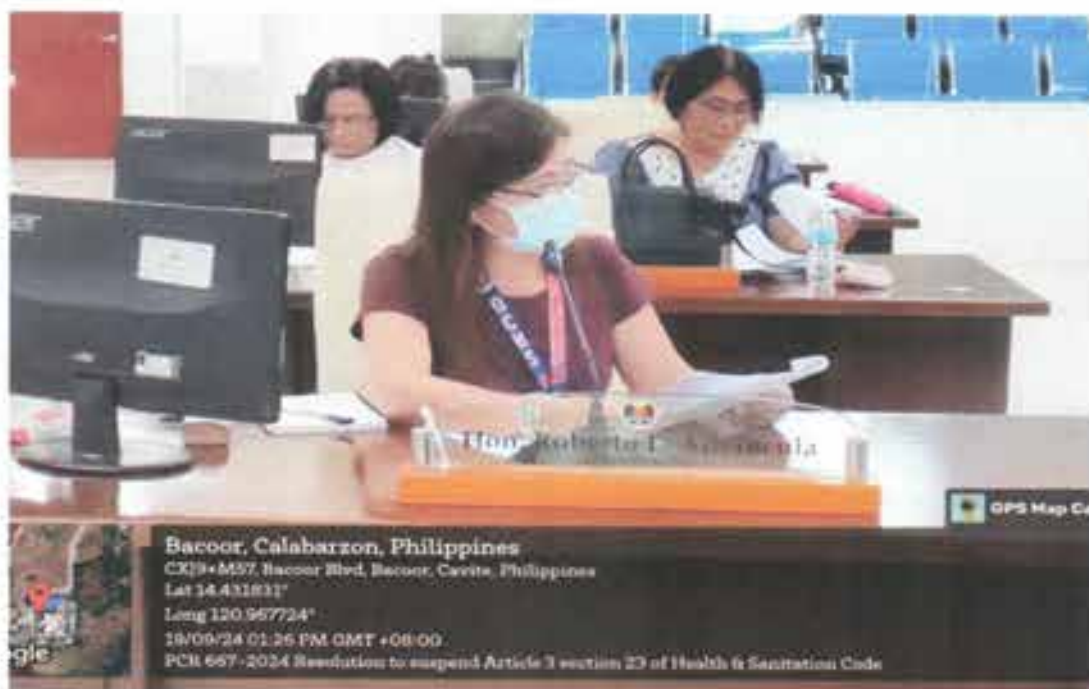
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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SANITATION
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE HEARING
CHS-PCR-667-2024

Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod
Received by: Janet Pring
Date: 3 Nov 2024
Time: 9:32am

Subject: *A resolution to suspend Article 3 Section 21 of Amended Health and Sanitation Code in view of the advisory from Provincial Health Officer Nonie John L. Dalisay entitled "National Policy in the Provision of Birthing Assistance to Primigravid and Grand Multigravid Women"*

(PCR-667-2024: Date referred: September 02, 2024)

A committee hearing on the above-subject matter was conducted last October 02, 2024, 9:30 a.m. at the Sangguniang Panlungsod Session Hall presided by Committee Chairman Hon. Reynaldo C. Palabrica.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE AND CITY COUNCILORS PRESENT:

HON. REGELIO NOLASCO
HON. LEVY TELA
HON. SIMPLICIO DOMINGUEZ

RESOURCE PERSONS PRESENT:

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| ATTY. SALVE VALENCIANO | - | OFFICE OF THE CITY LEGAL SERVICES |
| DRA. IVY MARIE YRASTORZA | - | OFFICE OF THE CITY HEALTH SERVICES |
| BEA MAGPANTAY | - | OFFICE OF THE CITY HEALTH SERVICES |
| VIVIAN GAWARAN – RAMIREZ | - | PUNONG BARANGAY |
| GRACE SILVESTRE | - | ZAPOTE 1 |
| JOBELL LORAIS VECINO | - | ST. MICHAEL MEDICAL HOSPITAL INC. |
| MANEAN SUNDIAN | - | LONGOS ZAPOTE 5 LYING-IN CLINIC |
| ANN LILIAN PELAYO | - | ZAPOTE 1 LYING-IN CLINIC |
| CARMEN AQUINO | - | LIGAS 1 LYING-IN CLINIC |
| VOLTAIRE TUMANGAW | - | SOUTH CITY HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER |
| JOHN EDWARD DE MESA | - | SOUTH CITY HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER |
| DR. TRINIDAD GERALDINE PURUGGANAN | - | MOLINO DOCTORS HOSPITAL |
| ELVIRA TENDERO | - | MOLINO 2, ELVIRA TENDERO CLINIC |
| MA. GENE PENDENCIA | - | MOLINO 6 |
| ESTRELLITA M. ATO | - | HABAY 1 |
| DR. RONALD SUAVERDEZ | - | METRO SOUTH MEDICAL CENTER |
| DR. MICHAEL MONTESA | - | ST. DOMINIC MEDICAL CENTER |
| NENITA RAMOS | - | NENITA RAMOS LYING-IN |

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- ANDREA TAYLOR - OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL HEALTH OFFICER
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- GODON BERNARDO - MOTHER CARE MATERNITY CLINIC
- ATHENA CANDAZA PAMPILON - ULCCH
- PATRICIA LORENZO - TENDENCIA LYING-IN CLINIC
- VILMA ALONZO - LORENZO LYING-IN CLINIC

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Good morning, everyone. The hearing regarding the propose amendment or the suspension of article 3 section 21 of health and sanitation code of City Ordinance no. 253-2022 series of 2022 is now called to order."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "In attendance to this hearing are the following members of the city council. First, from District 2 is Honorable Councilor Sencilio Dominguez."

COUN. SIMPLICIO DOMINGUEZ "Magandang magandang umaga po, mabuhay."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Next is from District 1, Honorable Councilor Levy Tela."

COUN. LEVY TELA "Good morning, Mr. Chair, good morning to all of us. Mabuhay."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "From District 2, Honorable Councilor Rogelio Bok Nolasco."

COUN. ROGELIO NOLASCO "Thank you Mr. Chair and good morning to all of us."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "May I request the resource persons to introduce themselves and their representation. Let us start with the City Legal Services."

SALVE VALENCIANO "Good morning everyone Salve Valenciano from the Office of the City Legal Services. Mabuhay po."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Next from the City Health Services Department."

DRA. IVY MARIE YRASTORZA "Good morning po, Dra. Ivy Marie Yrastorza from the Office of the City Health Services."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Thank you, next."

DR. MICHAEL MONTESA "Dr. Michael Montesa from St. Dominic Medical Center."

DRA. REBECCA ANN GABOR "Good morning, I am Dra. Rebecca Ann Gabor Chief of Medical Professionals staff representing Southern Tagalog Regional Hospital."

DR. RONALD SUAVERDEZ "Good morning, I am Dr. Ronald Suaverdez Medical Director from Metro South Medical Center."





ESTRELLITA ATO "Good morning Estrellita Ato from Habay, Bacoor."

PB VIVIAN GAWARAN-RAMIREZ "Good morning, Councilor Reynaldo Palabrica, Councilor Levy Tela, Councilor Bok Nolasco, and Councilor Dominguez. Representing Private Lying-In Clinic, Vivian Gawaran-Ramirez po."

ELVIRA TENDERO "Good morning, Elvira Tenedero representing the Elvira Tenedero Clinic, Molino dos po."

DR. TRINIDAD GERALDINE PURUGGANAN "Good morning, Dr. Geraldine Purugganan Medical Director of Molino Doctors Hospital."

VOLTAIRE TUMANGAN "Good morning po, Voltaire Tumangan representing South City Hospital and Medical Center po."

JOBELL LORAIS VECINO "Hello good morning, Jobell Salvador Vecino from St. Michael Medical Hospital."

ATHENA CANDAZA PAMPILON "Hello good morning, from Tendencia Maternity Lying-In Clinic."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "So, this is the continuation of our series of hearings regarding the propose measure of our City Council. So, ang pinag-uusapan natin dito ay yung tungkol sa amendment, hindi na fayo particular sa number kasi nakakalito pag number tapos nagkaroon pa ng clerical error. Sa pinadala niyong sulat saamin ibang article din yung binanggit ninyo, article 3 section 3, it supposed to be article 3 section 21. So, anyway isang tabi na natin yun, ang pag usapan natin ay kung ano talaga yung tema natin. So, ang tema natin ay yung isuspend yung papayagan ang maternity clinic na mag conduct ng maternal procedure na tinatawag na primigravid 1 and primigravid 5. Basahin ko lang yung provision para maintindihan natin lahat."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Section 21 the general admission guidelines ito po yung napapaloob sa ordinansa na ating pinag-uusapan."

Section 21. General Admission Guidelines.

No patient shall be admitted to any maternity lying-in clinic within the City of Bacoor unless the following general guidelines have been complied with:

- a. The patient should be at least eighteen (18) years and not more than thirty-five (35) years old.
- b. The patient should not have exceeded four (4) pregnancies.
- c. The patient should have at least one (1) prenatal consultation conducted by an accredited health care provider for each trimester and with increasing frequency as the date of pregnancy approaches.
- d. A woman who is pregnant for the first time who is more than 18 years old or a woman who has been pregnant five times or more may be admitted to a lying-in facility provided that they have been assessed by an Obstetrician during prenatal check-up at the facility. The delivery should also be done by the Ob-Gyne otherwise they should be referred to a hospital facility for delivery.
- e. Patients who are in active labor and are having the following conditions shall be admitted to a lying-in clinic:





- (i) Cervix is dilated at 5 cm verified on internal examination;
- (ii) Uterine contractions that occur every 5 minutes or less and lasting for 60 seconds or more;
- (iii) A leaking bag of water indicating the patient is in labor;
- (iv) In cases of imminent delivery, such as bulging vaginal introitus with the head as presenting part.

f. All deliveries that took place outside a birthing facility (i.e., tricycle, taxi or any other motor vehicle) shall admitted to a lying-in clinic provided that no complications are present in the patient – the mother and the baby.

g. All emergency cases, as deemed by the medical team on duty, must be stabilized first before referral to a tertiary hospital."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Yung section 22 hindi ko na po babasahin. Ito na yung section 23.

Section 23. Prohibition to Handle High-Risk Pregnancies.

Lying-in clinics or birthing homes operating within the City of Bacoor are prohibited to handle high risk pregnancies as defined and determined by the Department of Health. **All cases of complications, whether emergency or not, should be referred by a lying-in clinic to its partner doctors (OB-GYNE or Pediatrician or BEmONC trained physician) or to higher level facility for further evaluation and management.**"

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "So, itong Section 21 pinapayagan pa dito yung gravida 1 and gravida 5, provided na sundin yung guidelines. Ngayon, itong ordinansa na to ay year 2022, this is the time of pandemic, puno ang mga hospitals natin because of COVID-19. At ang basis ng ordinansa na to ay yung Memorandum Circular from DOH during that time, kaya pinapayagan na ang gravida 1 and gravida 5 ay imanage ng maternal lying-in facility. May mga conditions nga lang na provided, iyon yung may mga Ob-Gyne, yung mga binanggit natin kanina."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Ngayon ho ang dahilan naman kung bakit natin isususpend yung particular provision na yun na pinapayagan yung gravida 1 and gravida 5 sa mga lying-in clinics. Dahil doon sa Memorandum Circular na nanggaling sa Provincial Health Officer."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Do we have representative from Provincial Health? Please introduce yourself ma'am."

HEIZEL CREENCIA "Heizel Creencia po from the Office of the Provincial Health Officer. I am the nurse supervisor and Save Mother Hood Program Coordinator po ng province. I am with the supervising midwife Ma'am Gloria Feranil."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Please state your name po ma'am."

GLORIA FERANIL "Good morning po, I am Gloria Feranil from the Provincial Health Office."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "2022 yung ordinansa na pinapayagan ang gravida 1 and gravida 5 sa mga maternity clinics. Ngayon, 2024 naglabas ng advisory ang ating Provincial Health Office, babasahin ko po sa inyong lahat.

To: **ALL PROVINCIAL HEALTH OFFICES, LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, AND PUBLIC AND PRIVATE BIRTHING FACILITIES**





(Lying-ins, Birthing Homes, and Clinics)

From: **ARIEL I. VALENCIA, MD, MPH, CESO III**
Assistant Secretary of Health

Subject: **LIFTING OF REGIONAL MEMORANDUM NO. 2023-0310.**
"Decongestion of Hospitals for Normal Deliveries".

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "May I call the attention of Provincial Health Officer. Pa explain saamin itong Lifting of Regional Memorandum No. 2023-0310."

HEIZEL CREENCIA "The memorandum or regional advisory lifting po ng memorandum 2023-0310. Previous years po kasi, pwede po ba sabihin ko po muna yung chronology ng mga events?"

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Yes, para po maintindihan po natin. Please enlighten the committee."

HEIZEL CREENCIA "First po nag release po ang Department of Health ng **Administrative Order No. 2019-0026** which is the **"National Policy in the Provision of Birthing Assistance to Primigravid and Grand Multigravid Women"**."

HEIZEL CREENCIA "Meaning po na hindi po pwedeng ipaanak ang G1 and G5 above po na buntis natin."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "That was 2019?"

HEIZEL CREENCIA "Yes po, 2019."

HEIZEL CREENCIA "And with certain provisions din po. Dapat po kino-conduct yung birth tracking and home visit din po ng mga facility natin, provision of modern baby book, and yung birth planning po. Yun po yung naka include don sa AO 2019-0026, after releasing of that AO nagkaroon naman po ng **Department Circular No. 2019-043** which is yung **moratorium po ng implementation ng selected sections of the implementing guidelines of Administrative Order No. 2019-0026.**"

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "So yung Memorandum Circular ngayon na hindi pinapayagan, nagkaroon ng moratorium kaya pwedeng payagan?"

HEIZEL CREENCIA "Yes po."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Para malinaw. Please continue."

HEIZEL CREENCIA "Then after that po nagkaroon po ng **Department Circular No. 2021-005** which is **"Adherence to the definition of Low-Risk Pregnancy and High-Risk Pregnancy in the Implementation of AO No. 2021-0012."** Yun po yung definition ng high-risk and low-risk and including din po yung G1 and G5 po natin sa mga high-risk pregnancies."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "That was 2021?"

HEIZEL CREENCIA "2021 po."





COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Dinefine ng DOH kung ano yung high-risk and low-risk pregnancies?"

HEIZEL CREENCIA "Yes po, by that year po. Para po clear."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Ispecific ba doon sa definition yung kung sino yung high-risk at low-risk? Na yung primigravid 1 and primigravid 5 kasama sa high-risk?"

HEIZEL CREENCIA "Yes po, under that Department Circular po nakalagay po sa Section 2 high-risk pregnancy kasama po ang G1 and multigravid po natin. Primigravid and multigravid pregnancy."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Okay, please continue ma'am."

HEIZEL CREENCIA "After that Department Circular No. 2021-005 nagkaron naman po ng **Regional Memorandum**, nanggaling po yung memorandum sa Regional Office ng Department of Health which states **decongestion of hospitals for normal deliveries**. Kaya po inallow po ulit nila yung G1, Ito po yung time nung COVID, inallow po nila yung mga lying-ins na magpa-anak ng G1 and G5 para po madecongest yung mga hospitals."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "May I interrupt? Hindi pinapayagan, pinayagan, hindi muli pinayagan? Please continue."

HEIZEL CREENCIA "And then after po, ngayon po nagkaron po ng **Memorandum** na galing po sa Regional Office **lifting po nung binigay po na memorandum ng regional office na pag dedecongest po nung hospitals.**"

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Anong year yan?"

HEIZEL CREENCIA "Ito pong lifting ay year 2024 na po."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Ito na yung latest?"

HEIZEL CREENCIA "Yes po."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Ito ba ay prior to the advisory of the Provincial Health Office?"

HEIZEL CREENCIA "Yes sir, prior to the advisory of the Provincial Health Office."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "So the basis of the Provincial Health Office is the Regional Memorandum Circular?"

HEIZEL CREENCIA "Yes sir and yun din pong recommendation ng DPCB po ng DOH to continue the recommendation of 2019-0026 na Administrative Order which is yun pong hindi pagpapa-anak ng G1 and G5 sa lying-in facility. Yun po ang recommendation ng DOH, after recommendation po ng DOH nag release po ang Regional Office ng lifting nung kanila pong memo ng decongestion po ng hospital. So, ngayon po after po nun tsaka po nag release ng advisory yung Provincial Health Office."





HEIZEL CREENCIA "But actually sir, yung Provincial Health Office advisory ginawa siya after the dialog ng organization ng mga lying-in facilities dito sa Cavite."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "So there was a hearing prior to this advisory?"

HEIZEL CREENCIA "It was a dialog meeting po."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Parang consultation."

HEIZEL CREENCIA "It is a dialog meeting between the organization of the private lying-in sa Cavite which is UPLIPP."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "May I know kung may representative ang Bacoor doon during that particular dialog?"

HEIZEL CREENCIA "Hindi po ako sure kung may representative po ang Bacoor. Pero meron po kasi silang officers, so yung mga officers po yung nandoon po sa meeting."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Anyway, icascade naman nila yun eh. Gusto ko lang malaman kung may taga Bacoor na nandoon?"

HEIZEL CREENCIA "Then after that dialog, kasama din po namin ang Regional Office ng Department of Health. After that dialog po it was agreed po na magrelease ng advisory for General Emilio Aguinaldo Hospital and UPLIPP private lying-ins members po."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Yung mga maternity clinics natin dito member ng UPLIPP? Pero nagkaroon ng dialog?"

HEIZEL CREENCIA "Yes po, kaya po nagrelease ang Provincial Health Office ng advisory to all concerns po. Nakalagay naman po dito well-stated, in light of the recent meeting with the Department of Health Center for Health Development IV-A and the United Private Lying-in Practitioner and Proprietorship or UPLIPP Cavite. Ito po yung mga organization ng lying-in sa Cavite."

HEIZEL CREENCIA "And in relation to the lifting of the advisory for the implementation of selected sections. The implementing guidelines of **Administrative Order No. 2019-0026** entitled **National Policy in the Provision of Birthing Assistance to Primigravid and Grand Multigravid Women**. The following guidelines shall be implemented starting August 12, 2024. Ang guidelines po ay yung G1 and G5 per Gravida 1 and Gravida 5, all prenatal care and vaginal delivery of G1 and G5 shall be conducted in hospital setting."

HEIZEL CREENCIA "Prenatal checkup at lying-in clinics, prenatal check up for G1 and G5 may be carried out at the lying-in facility by the Ob-gyn specialist provided that they have a valid birth plan and hospital affiliated by their attending Ob-gyn."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "So, pwedeng doon ang prenatal checkup?"

HEIZEL CREENCIA "Yes po."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Pero yung delivery sa hospital facility na?"





HEIZEL CREENCIA "Yes po and referral of non-high-risk G2 and G3 to alleviate congestion for normal deliveries. All non-high-risks G2 and G3 mothers shall be referred to the nearest lying-in clinics in their area of residence for prenatal checkup and vaginal delivery. Naging kasunduan din po para hindi rin naman po malimit ang magiging clients or patient's ng ating mga lying-in. Willing po ibalik yung mga clients natin na non-high-risks na G2 and G3."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "So hindi sila magiging exclusive sa G1 and G5? I-accommodate nila lahat?"

HEIZEL CREENCIA "Yes po, if i-accommodate nila lahat, pero willing po mag back referral pabalik sa lying-in yung G2 and G3 na non-high-risk."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Pag non-high-risk willing sila irefer back pabalik sa maternity clinics?"

HEIZEL CREENCIA "Yes."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Gaano ba karami yung nanganganak? Ano pinaka marami G1, G2, G5? Based on your data record?"

HEIZEL CREENCIA "According to our data sir, actually wala po talagang official data po tayo sa province regarding po sa kung sino yung pinaka madami po kung G1 at G5. Ang meron lang po kasi kami sir is yung kung anong age ang pinaka marami. But yung official data or validated data kung sino po ang pinaka maraming pinapanganak na G1 or kung anong Gravida, wala po sir."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Gusto ko lang po itanong ma'am itong ating health advisory issued by Provincial Health Office, implemented na sa buong probinsya ng Cavite?"

HEIZEL CREENCIA "Again po kung advisory po ng province for General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital in partnership or in coordination po with UPLIPP yung United Private Lying-in Practitioner and Proprietorship ng Cavite province. Pero yung Regional Memo po na lifting nung decongestion ng AO nila or ng hospital nila ayun po ang dapat nasusunod po ng buong region."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Thank you very much ang isa ko pang concern at ng committee and Sangguniang Panlungsod during our last session Monday, ang epekto neto yung mga G1 and G5, pag sa hospital na baka lumaki yung gastos. Kasi pag sa hospital malaki raw ang gastos sabi nila, hindi namin masiguro kaya itatanong namin sainyo."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Itatanong ngayon sa mga private hospitals kung papaano ang management niyo tungkol dito. Halimbawa nanganak G1, tanong ko muna sa St. Dominic, G1 covered ba ng PhilHealth yun? Kasi diba dapat walang babayaran? How do you implement with that policy?"

DR. MICHAEL MONTESA "Good morning your honor. Kapag nanganak may PhilHealth pa rin po ang pasyente, kaya lang on top of it PhilHealth, depende kasi kung anong kwarto yung pinili ng pasyente kung regular accommodation or extra accommodation. Kapag ordinary accommodation we are bound to no balance billing, kapag siya ay kumuha ng private room pwede mag PF yung doctor, doon na tataas yung bill."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "So ang PF ng doctor ay according sa room na kinuha?"





DR. MICHAEL MONTESA "Also with the preference of the doctor kung ano yung kanyang standard."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Do you implement the City Ordinance na dapat meron tayong 10% of the bed capacity that should be allotted to charity?"

DR. MICHAEL MONTESA "Yes, 10% bed capacity."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Ako po kasi yung author ng ordinansa na yun eh. Masiguro lang natin na naipapatupad, kasi kung halimbawang indigent tapos primigravida 1 or 5. Syempre bawal sila sa facility dadalhin sila sa hospital, pinaka malapit St. Dominic naka gitna kasi ang St. Dominic eh, kaya madalas dyan sa inyo ang District 1."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Ngayon, walang pangbayad tas hindi naman namin mabibigyan ng guarantee letter kasi panganganak, bawal sabi ng auditor. Unless may complications pero kung delivery lang talaga, bawal. Hindi ka pupwede magbigay ng medical assistance, ang ibig kong sabihin "no balance payment" tayo doon? Covered ng PhilHealth, kapag kinuha nila yung charity bed?"

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Sa ibang hospitals naman, Malino Doctors."

DR. TRINIDAD GERALDINE PURUGGANAN "We do have 10% bed capacity for the indigents, yun lang sir naliba kung gaano po natoxic yung pasyente kasi hindi naman po guarantee kung G1 or wala pong komplikasyon, May mga extra meds po, doon po dumadagdag."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Pero kapag normal ang lahat no balance payment din tayo, under PhilHealth ang lahat?"

DR. TRINIDAD GERALDINE PURUGGANAN "Sir yes, kung pumasok po doon sa charity."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Thank you. How about Metro South?"

DR. RONALD SUAVERDEZ "The same rin po your honor. Basta, they availed the ward accommodation, as per PhilHealth there are no balance billing po. Same rin po, unless there are complicated case they may have to."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Naiintindihan naman namin yun, kasi kahit maternity clinic yan tas nagkaron ng complications and refer sa hospital eh may babayaran na rin ho. Kasi hindi na siya don sa normal delivery."

DR. RONALD SUAVERDEZ "Yes po. Thank you."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "May taga PhilHealth ba dito? Wala? Dra. Pwede ba makisuyo? Pakitawagan yung PhilHealth."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Ito lang yung tanong, kapag may complications kagaya nung binabanggit ng mga hospital representatives. Mafululungan pa ba ng PhilHealth yun?"





DR. TRINIDAD GERALDINE PURUGGANAN "I have a question kasi kadalasan po, not here in Bacoor actually yun pong mga nangagaling po sa lying-in minsan po dyan o madalas nagiging komplikado na po because they are pressing na maging normal po ang delivery ang pasyente. Mas madalas po dyan nag inquire na po ng madaming expenses, katulad ng pagkuha ng dugo, surgical procedures, kasi po pag ipipilit po na mag normal delivery. Ang question ko po hanggang saan po ba ang capacity ng mga lying-in para hindi po umaabot ng sobrang laki yung bayaran sa ospital na susunod, last po para maiwasan po yung mga legal actions. Usually, po kasi sa mga hospitals po bumabagsak yung mga ganun, dahil lamang po sa pinilit ng lying-in. Yun lamang po yung question ko."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "We will not entertain your question ma'am with your kind indulgence kasi labas na po sa pinag-uusapan natin."

DR. TRINIDAD GERALDINE PURUGGANAN "Yes sir,"

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Diretso muna tayo Memorandum Circular, focus muna tayo."

DR. TRINIDAD GERALDINE PURUGGANAN "Sige sir, thank you."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Sa mga lying-in pag may pinapaanak kayo, PhilHealth din nagbabayad? No balance payment policy din? Sayo, madam president?"

PB VIVIAN GAWARAN-RAMIREZ "Ano po, pag primi po sa aming facility kasi cover po ng PhilHealth lalo na at active member siya. Wala pong sinisingil pero yung aming OB partner doon po sila nagbabayad ng PF po."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Teka, may binabayaran pa rin?"

PB VIVAN GAWARAN-RAMIREZ "Yung professional fee lang po ng doctor, pero yung sa facility po namin PhilHealth po."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Yung OB ang binabayaran ng pasyente?"

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Itatanong ko sa mga hospitals, pagka normal delivery syempre OB ang magpapa-anak doon kasi hospital kayo. May binabayaran ba na PF o covered na ng PhilHealth yun?"

DR. MICHAEL MONTESA "Pag nasa 10% allotment siya for ward. Technically, wala siyang babayaran kahit OB ang nagpa-anak."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "May problem pala tayo dito, bakit may singil kayo, dapat wala. Edi parang napamahal pa yung nagpunta sa maternity clinic kesa sa hospital. Pano yun?"

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Yes, Doctor Bernardo you are recognized. May maternity clinic kayo? May OB din kayo? May doctor kayo?"

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Ang pinag-uusapan kasi itatanong ko ay kung ang panganganak ay cover ng PhilHealth. Sa clinic mo ba covered ng PhilHealth? Wala ng babayaran?"

GODON BERNARDO "*Portion of the recording inaudible.*"





COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Yung 10% na binabanggit doon sa ordinance ay yung patients under the 10% charity bed yun yung walang babayaran. Iba yung 10% na iyong sinasabi. Hahaba tayo neto, direktang lang ang tanong, ikaw ba sa clinic mo libre ang panganganak under PhilHealth, walang babayaran?"

GODON BERNARDO "Portion of the recording inaudible."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Walang babayaran? Walang professional fee? Walang OB na babayaran sayo?"

GODON BERNARDO "Portion of the recording inaudible."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Ganito lang ang tanong, no balance payment kayo diba? Kanina nabanggit na ng ating presidente na yung OB ay binabayaran ng pasyente, sayo ba ay binabayaran din?"

GODON BERNARDO "Portion of the recording inaudible."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Okay, malinaw. Thank you sa sagot."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Kaya ko tinatanong yan tungkol sa bayad kasi isa sa concern yan nung nagusap usap kami sa committee. Even sa hospital napag usapan namin to, kaya mahalaga saamin tong usapin na to dahil isa sa concern yan yung mga bayarin. Pero parang lumalabas mas libre pa sa hospital kesa sa inyo. Bakit ganun? Yes."

LYING-IN CLINIC REPRESENTATIVE "Your honor, yun po kasing sa hospital yung 10% po na part po nila ay no balance billing yung sa lying-in po 80% po ng patients ay no balance billing."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Teka hindi tayo nagkakaintindihan ang sinasabing 10% ay yung charity ward."

LYING-IN CLINIC REPRESENTATIVE "Yung sinasabi po ni president na may binabayaran po sa OB 10% lang po ng mga pasyente namin yung mga ganun. Karamihan po kasi no balance billing po."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Sino yung 10%?"

LYING-IN CLINIC REPRESENTATIVE "Yung mga nag-oob lang po."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Ah okay. Ang pinaguusapan kasi natin dito ay G1 and G5, so mag oob yung G1 tsaka G5, ayon sa ordinansa."

LYING-IN CLINIC REPRESENTATIVE "Opo."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Edi may babayaran?"

LYING-IN CLINIC REPRESENTATIVE "Pero pag indigent po listahan, sponsored pag po yan kahit Ob po nagpa-anak libre pa rin po."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "G1 tsaka G5?"





LYING-IN CLINIC REPRESENTATIVE "Opo."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Anong assurance ng G1 and G5 niyo na libre ang G1 and G5 niyo?"

LYING-IN CLINIC REPRESENTATIVE "Sa category po kasi sponsored, listahan, 4Ps, matic po yun. No balance payment."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Nasa 4Ps, nasa listahan. Paano kung ordinaryong mamamayan."

LYING-IN CLINIC REPRESENTATIVE "Yun po."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "May babayaran? Halimbawa yung taga laba namin apat na anak, buntis ngayon pang-lima, G5 nanganak sayo."

LYING-IN CLINIC REPRESENTATIVE "Under po kasi siya ng kasambahay."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Kailangan may OB kasi G5 according to ordinance kailangan may OB. May babayaran wala?"

LYING-IN CLINIC REPRESENTATIVE "Wala po kasi under po siya ng kasambahay."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Kasambahay?"

LYING-IN CLINIC REPRESENTATIVE "Kasambahay na category po sa PhilHealth."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Papaano kung hindi kasambahay."

LYING-IN CLINIC REPRESENTATIVE "Pag self-employed po tsaka employed ng company yun po may babayaran po, OB lang po."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Self-employed, paano kung unemployed?"

LYING-IN CLINIC REPRESENTATIVE "Unemployed po libre."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Sigurado ka ha."

LYING-IN CLINIC REPRESENTATIVE "Opo, basta po depende po kasi sa categories."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Ako mismo magpapasara sayo pag hindi mo ginawa yan."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Okay. Unemployed, kapag kasama sa listahan, 4Ps. Libre yun ha."

LYING-IN CLINIC REPRESENTATIVE "Opo."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Kapag siningil mo sa PF ang mga yan, may problema kang malaki dito."





COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Okay ang nakikita naming mangyayari sa Administrative Order na ito ng DOH binawi na nila na pinapayagan na nila sa maternity clinic ang G1 and G5. Ang nakikita namin magkakaroon ng influx ng pasyente lalo na sa mga public hospitals natin katulad ng STRH. Ano ang masasabi ng STRH dito?"

DRA. REBECCA ANN GABOR "Actually, nung nag ano na po yung advisory na yan talaga pong yung influx po ng pasyente namin medyo madami na po talaga."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Kaya nga po gusto namin malaman kung ano na po yung condition natin. Kung paano niyo ihahandle ito."

DRA. REBECCA ANN GABOR "Actually, nung lumabas po your honor yung advisory we already talk to the lying-ins of Bacoor together with Ma'am Vivian."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Nagkaroon kayo ng meeting?"

DRA. REBECCA ANN GABOR "Opo, nagkaroon lang naman po ng consultation."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Ichismis mo naman samin kung ano nangyari sa meeting."

DRA. REBECCA ANN GABOR "Nagkaroon lang po kami ng consultative meeting kasi po nagka problem po sila sa lying-in. Sabi nga po ni Dr. Rubiano na sinasuggest nya po yung best practices nga po is yung iimpose po sa ating mga lying-ins yung no balance billing po. So, para po madecongest po kami, yung G1 and G5 na lang po yung saamin and then yung mga low-risk po yung mga G2 to G4 ibibigay na po namin sa kanila, provided na hindi po sila maniningil. Kasi ayun po yung sasabihin namin sa mga pasyente na "pwede po kayong pumunta sa mga lying-in ng Bacoor na hindi rin po kayo sisingilin kagaya po ng ginagawa namin."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Because of the compliance dito sa Administrative Order ng Memorandum Circular ng DOH. Obligado kayo syempre, ang istrategy ninyo ay yung hindi G1 and G5 irerefer back ninyo sa mga maternity clinics."

DRA. REBECCA ANN GABOR "So, parang kami po pag nakita po namin sila on the OPD, isasuggest po namin sila sa mga lying-ins na malapit po sa kanila na doon na rin po magpa check-up."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Okay."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Halos lahat naman ng information nakukuha na namin. Kaya naman kami nagtatanong sa inyo kasi ang sitwasyon ng City Government regarding this issue ay hindi namin syempre pwedeng baliin ang Memorandum Circular ng DOH, kasi syempre sila ang expert pag dating sa health. hindi kami. Kami ay policy lang saamin, lahat ng policy na ilalabas namin ay lahat guided based on sa ilalabas ng mga departamento, lalo't na ay National Government. Sa isang banda naman ay finitignan namin kung ano ang epekto neto sa mamamayan, ano ang epekto sa mga naghahanap-buhay. Kaya nga nagtatanong kami ng lahat ng pwedeng itanong kasi itatanong talaga namin sa inyo, for us to arrive with a concrete and solid decision."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Yes Doc? Ano ang gusto mong sabihin? Hindi kasi layo pwede mag confrontational, this is a committee hearing we are soliciting information for us to arrive with





a concrete solution. Kaya ang questions namin kung napapansin mo is saan mapupunta ang decision ng Sanggunian."

GODON BERNARDO *"Portion of the recording inaudible."*

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Hindi na kailangan yun, nasabi na ng STRH."

GODON BERNARDO *"Portion of the recording inaudible."*

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Sayo ba may babayaran? May babayaran ba sa clinic mo yung ni refer back? O wala pala, edi tapos, beneficial to the constituents of Bacoor."

GODON BERNARDO *"Portion of the recording inaudible."*

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Sa presyuhan Doc lahat ng negosyo may kanya kanyang presyo yan kahit punerarya yan, kahit kainan yan. Nasa marketing strategy ng bawat business establishments yan. So, hindi natin pag-uusapan ang presyo, kahit ang mga hospitals may kanya kanyang presyo yan eh. Ang St. Lukes iba ang presyo, ang St. Dominic iba ang presyo, ang Metro South at Molino Doctors iba. Iba't iba ang presyo, kahit naman kayong maternity clinics hindi naman kayo uniform eh, iba iba din ang presyo niyo eh. Kaya hindi natin pag-uusapan ang presyo."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Ang kailangan makita namin dito ay kung ano yung impact doon sa mga tao, particularly yung buntis sa panganay at yung G5, yun ang kailangan namin makita dito, kaya nga ang tanong namin ay lahat papunta doon. Yung mga intersections na mga tanong na ganito is just a waste of time, kaya hindi ko po talaga ientertain pasenya ka na ha if I am very offensive with you, inaano ko lang yung direction ng hearing natin na makuha namin ng tama yung impormasyon."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "At kami nakikinig kami dito, kaya nga hearing eh, kung mapapansin ninyo nag hearing na layo nung nakaraan, sumulat kayo samin hindi kami nagpabaya, nag hearing ulit tayo upang pakinggan. Kaya nga ininvite na namin ang Provincial Health Office, ang mga hospitals dahil maraming concerns. Una yung babayaran, ang babayaran importante sa lahat yan kasi ang napupunta sa maternity clinics ayun yung mga wala, may konti lang ang kakayanan. Kasi kung may kakayahan yan, pupunta na sa hospitals yan, nasa private hospitals na yan diba? Kaya ngayon ininvite naman namin yung mga private hospitals para ma-ensure at malaman din namin kung ano ang mangyayari kapag diretso sa hospital ang mga G1 and G5. Kaya private hospitals are invited para malaman kung ano yung posisyon dito at tsaka kung paano minamange yung issue na to. So malinaw naman na kapag nandodoon na sa charity ward natin, kung ano yung ina-apply sa maternity clinic ayun din yung ina-apply sa kanila. So malinaw naman lahat, okay Doc, malinaw po?"

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Wait lang ha kausapin ka lang yung PhilHealth."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Ang sabi ng DOH ang G1 to G5, covered nila basta walang complications. Ngayon kung may complications binabayaran din nila basta nasa hospitals, pero kapag nasa maternity clinics daw at may complications hindi nila babayaran. Ayun ang sabi ng PhilHealth, kasi meron daw regulasyon na kapag may complications hindi raw pwedeng ihandle ng maternity clinics, kundi dapat ihandle ng hospitals. PhilHealth na mismo ang nagsabi."





COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Yes Ma'am Vivian?"

PB VIVIAN GAWARAN-RAMIREZ "Opo your honor lotoo po yun, kaya nga po meron po kaming pre-natal. Apat na beses po nag pe pre-natal yung nakikita rin po ng doctor namin, doon pa lang po sa first and third trimester nirerefer na po namin sa malaking facility po. Or maaga pa lang po nairefer na namin sa STRH at sa Las Piñas Hospital po kapag hindi kaya. Kaya po ang technique po namin your honor pag G1 na po, ang explain po namin nyan sa pasyente ay yung low-risk pinapaano na po namin sa hospital sa second trimester. Hindi po sila tatanggihan ng government hospitals, yung papasok na po sa middle yung po third trimester na po hindi na po kasi tatanggapin. Yun naman po ang ginagawa ng mga lying-in po."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Kasi pag hindi ninyo nirefer at nadiagnose na yan na high-risk na siya or may complications sa pregnancy. Yan bang sinasabing complications, please correct me if I'm wrong. Halimbawa, high blood or may altapresyon ang pasyente may complication yun? Kasi kapag pinilit yun sa lying-in clinics hindi yun babayaran ng PhilHealth, kawawa naman yung pasyente nailagay na sa alanganin may babayaran pa siya diba? Tama?"

PB VIVIAN GAWARAN-RAMIREZ "Tama po, yung mga facility po na accredit ng PhilHealth tsaka po ng DOH alam na po nila yan, maliban lang po sa un-accredit po."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Kundi may pananagutan kung sino man yun kasi wala pa tayong enable na batas. Naisip ko tuloy maglagay ng batas tungkol doon eh. Baka pwedeng criminal act na yan, joke lang pagisipan pa namin. Kasi kami dito sinisiguro namin ang kapakanan ng bawat tao ng Bacoor, kaya nga lahat ng information na nakukuha namin noted yan. Katulad nyan nag come up ngayon sa hearing na to, hindi babayaran yung patients na may complication. Possible yan ha, hindi ko kayo pinagbibintangan, pero possible yan, ipipilit yan. Diba maaaring may gagawa ng ganun, to ensure na hindi mapahamak yung tao at hindi magastusan pwede namin gawan ng batas ito. Sino man magpaanak dyan hiol man o kung sino man yan na hindi sumunod doon sa batas natin ay merong penalty o may liability."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "So halos lahat naitanong na, nakuha na namin lahat ng information. Ang gagawin ng committee ay magkaroon ng committee meeting for us to endorse the City Council, kung ano ang magiging recommendation namin."

GODON BERNARDO "Mr. Chair."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Please don't interrupt the chair when speaking. Sige itanong mo na."

GODON BERNARDO "Tungkol po doon sa pasyente, paano po ang gagawin namin puno ang government hospital, hindi umabot sa ibang hospital ang buntis G1 and G5 saamin po pumasok manganganak na. Kami po ba ay may liability?"

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "That was the last issue na sasabihin ko ngayon, itatanong talaga namin paano kung G1 and G5 yan, papacheck up yan sa doctor sa hospital diba. Tapos inabot ng panganganak walang available na sasakyan piraka malapit maternity clinic mo papaano niyo iaaccommodate o ihahandle, pwede ba o hindi? Yan ang mga tanong doon, yang kasunod na tanong."





COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "And I will ask the DOH kung andito. Itatanong namin sa DOH yan kung papaano. Kasi lilagay na namin sa ordinansa yan, proteksyon sa inyo yun eh, mahal ko kayo eh, mahal namin kayo eh."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Anyway sasagutin din natin yang issue na yan, magkakaroon din ng measure yan dito sa gagawin naming legislative measure. Tatanungin natin kung papaano ihahandle yan, kasi hindi maiwasan na mangyari yun. Pero syempre ang tatanungin namin sa bagay na yan ay mga doctor. Kasi sila ang nakakaalam sa sitwasyon ng tao eh, sila ang nakakaalam kung paano ihahandle ang tao."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "May we hear from the Legal Service Department? Ano ang opinyon natin legal?"

ATTY. SALVE VALENCIANO "Good morning po. Again po, in behalf of the Office of the City Legal Service we would like to manifest that we have no objection dito sa proposed resolution in suspending the specific provision po ng ating **CO 55-253-2022**. We believed that this is an important measure not only because we are following the higher guidelines from the DOH and which is reiterated din po ng ating Provincial Health Officer. However, again kagaya po ng naging discussion po natin before, we would like to support din po yung wise proposition of the honorable committee to assist din po the group of lying-in or birthing homes na magkaroon din po ng appeal action to the DOH. We also support yung ganung proposition kung magkakaroon man, so overall wala pong magagawa ang ating Sanggunian kung hindi po sumunod sa kautusan ng ating DOH. Again, yung mga ganitong policies from the DOH from the nationals down to the regions, provinces, and to the city, pinaka importante po sa lahat yung ating safety ng ating public. So that we believed na kung ano man po yung wisdom and guidance na ibababa po ng ating mga national agencies we will follow po. Yung mga legislative actions on the local we should follow din po with the national agencies. Thank you."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Thank you Atty."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Doc. Ivy, may I ask kung may data ba tayo or record kung ilan yung annual birth ng G1 and G5? Kasi ang pinaguusapan dito ay yung napupunong hospital, pinag-uusapan dito papaano iaccommodate lahat ng buntis. Baka meron tayong idea how many G1 and G5 sa isang buong taon?"

DRA. IVY MARIE YRASTORZA "Sa ngayon po I don't have the data pero naka furnish po kasi kami ng CCR namin ng lahat ng birth certificates and ineencode po namin yun. So, we can extract naman po with our data base kung ilan po yung G1 and G5."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Sa isang taon estimate mo lang. Meron bang isang libo ang pinapanganak?"

DRA. IVY MARIE YRASTORZA "Based po sa data po namin last year na sinubmit po namin for SGLG we have 7,000 deliveries in a year po."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Kasama G2 and G3?"

DRA. IVY MARIE YRASTORZA "Yes po. Lahat na po yun, 6,000 to 7,000. Hindi po lahat yun ay taga Bacoor."





COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Hindi taga Bacoor lahat?"

DRA. IVY MARIE YRASTORZA "Meron po kasing nanganganak sa hospitals na taga Las Piñas, Dasmariñas, Imus."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Hindi importante rin yun kasi ang tinitignan natin ay capacity ng hospitals. Yun ang concern ni Doc Bernardo, diba. Kaya nga pinipilit nya na wag niyong payagan yung Administrative Order na yan para pwede niyo itulak papunta saamin dahil puna ang hospital eh. Kaya kailangan namin yung mga data na yun. So, the committee would like to request or advice the City Health Officer to submit records about birthing, kung ilan yan. Sana maispecify natin yung G1 and G5, kasi para makita natin yung capacity ng hospitals na nandito sa Bacoor especially yung STRH. Mga ilan ba kaya niyong G1 and G5 sa isang taon, kaya niyo ba mga 3,000 ma'am?"

DRA. REBECCA ANN GABOR "Your honor, actually yung data po namin ang number of deliveries po namin ay nasa 200 to 250. Pero wala po akong data about G1 and G5, ang bed capacities po ng STRH for only OB's only 40 beds."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "So pagkapanganak kapag medyo kaya na tumayo, uwi ka na?"

DRA. REBECCA ANN GABOR "Opo. Medyo yung turn around time po is at least 24 hours po kapag normal deliveries pwede na po umuwi, basta low-risk po."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Included ba doon sa record niyo kung saang hospital nanganak, kasi para makita naming lahat iyon eh. Para makita yung capacity ng available facility natin sa Bacoor, private and public. Kasi icoconsider namin yun sa desisyon namin eh."

DRA. REBECCA ANN GABOR "Yes po, kasama naman po iyon sa data namin. Kasi nirereport naman namin yung percentage of facility-based deliveries. So, identified naman po."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Okay. Ilang maternity clinics ang meron tayo dito sa Bacoor?"

DRA. REBECCA ANN GABOR "I believe nasa 30 po yung maternity clinics dito sa Bacoor."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "3. 0? Dami rin pala. 28, under your organization? Pero meron bang birthing facility na hindi kasali sa association?"

PB VIVAN GAWARAN-RAMIREZ "Kasama na po don, kasi po nag close na po yung ibang clinic. After the pandemic, nag close na po sila."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "So 28 ang existing?"

PB VIVIAN GAWARAN-RAMIREZ "28 po yung total ng birthing home tapos po 21 po yung accredit ng DOH and PhilHealth."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Ilan yung accredit ng PhilHealth?"

PB VIVIAN GAWARAN-RAMIREZ "21 po."





COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "Sino yung 7 edi ang papasok don may bayad yung 7 na yun. Sige tignan natin yan mabuti kasi ang pinaguusapan dito ay yung safety ng tao, ng buntis. Pangalawa ay yung kanilang financial capability, so yun ang tinitignan natin dito eh. Yung mahirap, hindi mahirapan, yung mayaman okay lang yun madali yun eh, may pera sila eh. Pero yung focus natin dito yung mahihirap nating kababayan na maka access sa isang birthing facility, as much as possible wala ng babayaran kasi may PhilHealth na. Isa yun sa mga considerations and factor na magiging basis ng decision ng committee."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "I am very thankful sa lahat ng nandidito at narinig namin kayong lahat and yung sinumbit naman na papel ng association rest be assured na ito ay kasama sa deliberation namin. Kasi dapat nung Monday magdedesisyon na kami pero may request kayo dito na ihold ng ilang days and we conducted another meeting today, para mapag aralan namin mabuti. Although may offensive dito ha, okay lang naman pero ang importante dito pinapakinggan namin ang bawat isa at isa ang objective natin dito, yung ating mamamayan lalo na yung mahihirap na mabigyan natin ng tulong at hindi mahirapan. So, Councilor Bok baka may gusto kayong sabihin, manifestation. Councilor Dominguez, Councilor Tela?"

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "If there is none, may I ask a motion for adjournment of this hearing."


COUN. LEVY TELA "If there are no more other matters to tackle or any comments, I move for the adjournment of this committee hearing."

COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA "There is a motion for adjournment. Any second motion? Any objection? Hearing none, therefore this hearing is adjourned."

Prepared by:


RONALDO M. MERONA
Clerk

Attested by:


COUNCILOR REYNALDO C. PALABRICA
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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF CITY ORDINANCE NO. 55-2015 (THE "HEALTH, SANITATION, AND SAFETY CODE OF THE CITY OF BACOR") AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF.

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WHEREAS, City Ordinance No. 55-2015 was enacted by the Sangguniang Panlungsod on 1 December 2015.

WHEREAS, Section 9 of City Ordinance No. 55-2015 provides that the Sangguniang Panlungsod shall automatically review the said ordinance every three (3) years following its date of effectivity.

WHEREAS, on 16 November 2022, the Committee on Health and Sanitation of the 5th Sangguniang Panlungsod began reviewing the said ordinance and recommended the amendment of some of its provisions to the Body.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Cavite in regular session assembled, **THAT**:

Section 1. A new Chapter shall be inserted between Chapter II and Chapter III of City Ordinance No. 55-2015 and shall be known as the "**Infant Safety Code of Bacoor**". The provisions of the said Chapter shall read as

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**THE AMENDED HEALTH, SANITATION, AND SAFETY CODE OF THE CITY OF BACOR,
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privately-owned maternity clinics operating in the City of Bacoor shall not be allowed to operate without first complying with the following Sanitation Permit requirements;

a. Submission to the City Health Office (CHO) by the owner/operator of the clinic of a duly signed and notarized contract with a duly licensed hauler of hazardous wastes;

b. Submission to the City Health Office (CHO) by the owner/operator of the clinic of a duly signed and notarized contract with a registered transport vehicle/ambulance operator or any proof that it owns an emergency vehicle dedicated to transport patients to other health facilities or hospitals;

c. Submission to the City Health Office (CHO) by the owner/operator of the clinic of a duly signed and notarized contract with a secondary or tertiary level hospital indicating the willingness of the said health facilities to treat the patients of the lying-in clinic in case of emergencies;

d. Submission to the City Health Office (CHO) by the owner/operator of the clinic of a duly signed and notarized contract with an on-call OB-Gynecologist and Pediatrician who will attend to emergencies; and

e. Compliance by the owner/operator of the lying-in clinic with various DOH requirements for birthing facilities;

Section 20. Administrative Penalties for Violation of Section 19. The failure to submit any of the said documents, or the non-compliance with any of the DOH requirements for birthing facilities by the owner/operator of a privately-owned maternity clinic at any given time shall result in any or all of the following:

1. Disapproval of an application for the issuance of a Sanitation Permit;
2. Suspension of an existing Sanitation Permit for as long as the legal document/s or DOH requirement/s mentioned above has not been submitted to the CHO or has not been complied with; or
3. Revocation of an existing Sanitation Permit if the operator/owner of a lying-in clinic whose Sanitation Permit has been suspended fails to submit any of the legal documents or fails to comply with any DOH requirement for more than sixty (60) days.

Section 21. General Admission Guidelines. No patient shall be admitted to any maternity lying-in clinic within the City of Bacoor unless the following general guidelines have been



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complied with:

a. The patient should be at least eighteen (18) years and not more than thirty-five (35) years old.

b. The patient should not have exceeded four (4) pregnancies.

c. The patient should have at least one (1) prenatal consultation conducted by an accredited health care provider for each trimester and with increasing frequency as the date of pregnancy approaches.

d. A woman who is pregnant for the first time who is more than 18 years old or a woman who has been pregnant five times or more may be admitted to a lying-in facility provided that they have been assessed by an Obstetrician during prenatal check-up at the facility. The delivery should also be done by the Ob-Gyne otherwise they should be referred to a hospital facility for delivery.

e. Patients who are in active labor and are having the following conditions shall be admitted to a lying-in clinic:

(i) Cervix is dilated at 5 cm verified on internal examination;

(ii) Uterine contractions that occur every 5 minutes or less and lasting for 60 seconds or more;

(iii) A leaking bag of water indicating the patient is in labor;

(iv) In cases of imminent delivery, such as bulging vaginal introitus with the head as presenting part.

f. All deliveries that took place outside a birthing facility (i.e., tricycle, taxi or any other motor vehicle) shall admitted to a lying-in clinic provided that no complications are present in the patient – the mother and the baby

g. All emergency cases, as deemed by the medical team on duty, must be stabilized first before referral to a tertiary hospital.



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Section 22. Administrative Penalties for Violations of Section 21. The following administrative penalties shall be imposed against any maternity lying-in clinic that violated any of the guidelines mentioned in the immediately preceding section:

- Closure of the lying-in clinic for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days while the alleged violation is being investigated jointly by the City Health Officer and by the City Legal Officer; or
- Permanent closure of the lying-in clinic after it has been determined by the City Health Officer and by the City Legal Officer that the said clinic violated the said guidelines for no justifiable reason.

Section 23. Prohibition to Handle High-Risk Pregnancies. Lying-in clinics or birthing homes operating within the City of Bacoor are prohibited to handle high risk pregnancies as defined and determined by the Department of Health. **All cases of complications, whether emergency or not, should be referred by a lying-in clinic to its partner doctors (OB-GYNE or Pediatrician or BEmONC trained physician) or to higher level facility for further evaluation and management.**

Section 24. Administrative Penalties for Violation of Section 23. Any lying-in clinic that violates Section 23 hereof without any justifiable reason shall be ordered preventively closed by the City Health Officer while an investigation on the alleged violation is being conducted by the CHO and the City Legal Officer. Such preventive closure shall not exceed sixty (60) days. If it is proven after such investigation that the said lying-in clinic indeed violated Section 23, the said establishment shall be permanently closed by order of the City Mayor. The imposition of the administrative penalties mentioned above shall not preclude the filing of any administrative, civil, or criminal case against the owner/s or operator/s of the said establishment or against any professional or person working therein. xxx"

Section 2. Renumbering of Succeeding Chapters and Sections. As a consequence of the insertion of the foregoing provisions, the Sangguniang Panlungsod Secretariat is hereby directed to re-number all succeeding chapters and sections of City Ordinance No. 55-2015.

Section 3. Printing and Publication of City Ordinance No. 55-2015 as Amended. The Sangguniang Panlungsod Secretariat is likewise mandated to cause the printing and publication of City Ordinance No. 55-2015 as



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(Lying-ins, Birthing Homes, and Clinics)

From: **ARIEL J. VALENCIA, MD, MPH, CESO III**
Assistant Secretary of Health

Subject: LIFTING OF REGIONAL MEMORANDUM NO. 2023-0310,
"Decongestion of Hospitals for Normal Deliveries"

Date: July 19, 2024

In accordance with the recommendation from the Department of Health Central Office Disease Prevention and Control Bureau, as communicated through the Department Circular dated May 21, 2024, all concerned entities are hereby advised to continue implementing the following guidelines:

- **Administrative Order No. 2019-0026:** "National Policy in the Provision of Birthing Assistance to Primigravid and Grand Multigravid Women."
- **Department Circular No. 2021-005:** "Adherence to the Definition of Low Risk Pregnancy and High Risk Pregnancy in the Implementation of AO No. 2012-0012."

Please be informed that, effective immediately, **Regional Memorandum No. 2023-0313**, titled **'Decongestion of Hospitals for Normal Deliveries,'** dated March 15, 2023, is hereby lifted and is no longer in effect.

All relevant stakeholders are expected to comply with the continued implementation of the above-mentioned policies to ensure the safety and quality of maternal care services.

For further queries and clarifications, please contact Ms. Vanessa B. Bebida (09959570707) or Ms. Bridget Anne C. Caraig (09452684959) of the Safe Motherhood Program through the enclosed phone numbers or email us at smp@ro4a.doh.gov.ph.

For strict compliance.

Thank you.



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No. 2021- 0005

TO: DIRECTORS OF CENTERS FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT (CHD), HEAD OF THE REGULATION, LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION (RLED), BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (BARMM) MINISTER OF HEALTH (MOH), PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT: Adherence to the Definition of Low Risk Pregnancy and High Risk Pregnancy in the Implementation of Administrative Order No. 2012-0012

The *Rules and Regulations Governing the New Classifications of Hospitals and other Health Facilities in the Philippines* was issued as Administrative Order 2012-0012. The Order classified health facilities and set the standards for each class of facility; its Annex C details the Licensing Requirements for Birthing Homes. Relative to Clinical Service, the Order allows Birthing Homes to provide *spontaneous vaginal delivery including essential intrapartum care and immediate postpartum care for the low risk pregnant* or women who are low for risk of complications during pregnancy, among others. The term "low risk" was not however operationally defined resulting to different interpretation and level of compliance, that can compromise the health of women and their unborn or newborn.

This circular is being issued as a supplement to AO 2012-0012 providing for the operational definition of *Low Risk Pregnancy and High Risk Pregnancy* towards better compliance to health regulations and service quality by primary care birthing homes:

- I. Low Risk Pregnancy** also known as *uncomplicated pregnancy* refers to a pregnancy state where, after thorough routine evaluation (guided by Administrative Order 2016-0035, *National Policy on the Provision of Quality Antenatal Care in All Birthing Centers and Health Facilities Providing Maternal Care Services*), **no risk factors** are identified on the woman and no signs and symptoms of pregnancy complications are noted.

A **low risk classification may change any time during pregnancy**. Thus, a woman initially classified as *low-risk during the regular antenatal (ANC) check-up* maybe classified as *high-risk* during her succeeding ANC check-ups depending on the clinical findings and succeeding assessment of her condition by the doctor or maternal care service provider.

II. High Risk Pregnancy refers to a pregnancy state where potential complications are noted on medical examination that could affect the mother, the baby, or both. High-risk pregnancies require management by a specialist to help ensure the best outcome for the mother and baby.

Pregnant women are classified as *high-risk* when they are found to possess any of the following characteristics:

A. Manifest any of the warning signs and symptoms of pregnancy –

1. Vaginal spotting or bleeding
2. Severe nausea and vomiting
3. Significant decline in fetal movement (less than 10 in 12 hours during the second half of pregnancy)
4. Contractions in the third trimester
5. Leaking bag of water or premature rupture of the bag of water
6. A persistent severe headache, dizziness or blurring of vision
7. Abdominal pain or epigastric pain
8. Edema of the hands, feet or face
9. Fever and Pallor
10. Seizures or loss of consciousness
11. Difficulty of breathing
12. Painful urination
13. Elevated Blood Pressure

B. Known to suffer from pre-pregnancy conditions

1. Hypertension
2. Anemia
3. Diabetes mellitus
4. Cardiovascular disease
5. Obstructive or restrictive pulmonary diseases
6. Cancer
7. Tuberculosis
8. Malaria
9. Thyroid disorders
10. Hematologic disorders (thalassemia)
11. Connective tissue disorders
12. Musculoskeletal disorders
13. Renal diseases
14. HIV
15. Infections such as STIs, TORCH and other systemic infections, e.g. hepatitis B
16. Malnutrition
17. Previous caesarian section or other abdominal surgeries
18. Others such as:
 - a. seizure disorders
 - b. mental health conditions

- c. asthma
 - d. poor obstetrical history characterized by: habitual abortion (2 consecutive abortions and 3 or more repeated abortions) and previous complicated pregnancy (prior preterm delivery, prior pregnancy resulting in stillbirth or neonatal death, previous birth of a fetus with congenital anomaly, patients with anti-phospholipid syndrome).
- C. Primigravid (G1) or grand-multigravid (G5 or more)
 - D. Adolescent pregnancy (pregnancy among girls 10 -19 years old) regardless of parity
 - E. Pregnancy among women who are more than 35 years old regardless of parity
 - F. Patients with problems of fetal aging, structure and size
 - 1. Age of gestation is greater than or equal to 40 weeks
 - 2. Fetal growth restriction
 - 3. Macrosomia
 - 4. Unsure of LMP or discrepancy in aging
 - 5. Fetal congenital anomalies
 - 6. Multiple gestation
 - 7. Patients with disorders of amniotic fluid volume
 - G. Patients in preterm labor
 - H. Alcohol and substance abuse
 - I. Absence of antenatal care

All CHDs and BARMM-MOH are hereby directed to disseminate this information to all maternity care service providers in the public and private sector in their area of jurisdiction.

For prompt and strict compliance.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health:


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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

No. 2019- 0026

SUBJECT: National Policy in the Provision of Birthing Assistance to Primigravid and Grand Multigravid Women

I. BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

Gravidity and parity are associated with risks in pregnancy and delivery. Specialists in the field of obstetrics have observed primigravidas, regardless of age to be at significantly higher risk for prolonged first and second stage of labor, increased chances of fetal distress and need for intensive monitoring as compared to the multigravidas. Primigravidas are also at increased risk for emergency caesarian section. Likewise, the chances of postpartum hemorrhage and perinatal mortality is high among this group. This claim is confirmed by a study conducted in Karachi, Pakistan on *Primiparity as an Intrapartum Risk Factor* (Nazia Hashim, Sonia Naqvi, Majida Khanam, Hassan Fatima Jafry (Sir Syed Hospital & Medical College for Girls, Karachi. *Journal of Pakistan Medical Association*, July 2012). The study concluded with a recommendation to counsel primigravid women on skilled health professional supervised antenatal care and delivery and discourage delivery outside hospital premises.

Multigravida and grand-multiparity remain to be an obstetric risk. Women in this group are found to be more likely to develop premature rupture of labor membranes, hypertensive diseases in pregnancy, placenta previa and other medical conditions. Likewise, postpartum hemorrhage, anemia and sepsis are common among this group. Fetal distress, birth asphyxia and birth weight outside the normal range are also observed to be significantly higher in grand-multiparous women, and this may explain the higher perinatal mortality found in this group. (*Grand-multiparity: Is it still an obstetric risk?* Adeola F. Afolabi, Adewale S. Adeyemi* Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, College of Health Sciences, Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Osogbo, Nigeria, May 2013).

Many studies and local specialists conclude that while grand-multiparity is on a downward trend, it still remains an obstetric risk, therefore, the importance of advising and encouraging women to give birth in a well - equipped facility with comprehensive emergency obstetric and newborn care (CEmONC) capability should be emphasized among the obstetric specialist population and birthing center staff so as to reduce the complications that are found to be associated with the condition.

It is in the light of the above findings and the call for quality maternal and newborn care that this Order is being issued.

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II. OBJECTIVE

This Order provides technical guidance to maternity care providers and Birthing Center staff on the provision of birthing assistance to all primigravid and grand multi-gravid women, regardless of age.

III. SCOPE OF APPLICATION

This Order shall apply to all providers of maternal care services in the public and private sector and at all levels of the health care delivery system.

IV. DEFINITION OF TERMS

1. **Gravidity** (Gravida) refers to the number of times a woman has been pregnant regardless of the outcome.
2. **Primigravida** refers to a woman who is pregnant for the first time. In the clinical area, this is referred to as G1 or gravida 1.
3. **Multigravida** refers to a woman who is pregnant for at least a second time. In the clinical area, this is referred to as G2 or gravida 2 (second pregnancy), G3 or gravida 3 (third pregnancy), G4 or gravida 4 (fourth pregnancy) regardless of the outcome of the pregnancy.
4. **Grand multigravida** refers to a woman who is pregnant for the 5th time or more regardless of the outcome.
5. **Parity** refers to the number of times a woman has given birth to a fetus who is at least 24 weeks age of gestation (AOG) regardless of whether the baby was born alive or stillborn.
6. **Nullipara** – refers to a woman who has never given birth to a livebirth or stillbirth. In the clinical area this is referred to as P0 or para 0. Thus, a woman who had 1 pregnancy but has not given birth is referred to as G1P0 or gravida 1 para 0.
7. **Primipara** refers to a woman who had 1 pregnancy that resulted in a fetus that attained a weight of at least 500 grams or a gestational age of 24 weeks, regardless of whether the baby was born alive or stillbirth and whether it was single or multiple birth. In the clinical area, this is referred to as P1 or para 1. Thus, a woman who had 1 pregnancy and 1 birth is referred to as G1P1 or gravida 1 para 1.
8. **Multipara** refers to a woman who has given birth at least twice to a livebirth or stillbirth, weighing at least 500 grams and having an estimated age of gestation of at least 24 weeks.

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9. **Grand-multipara** is a woman who has given birth 5 or more times to a livebirth or stillbirth, weighing at least 500 grams and having an estimated age of gestation of at least 24 weeks.

V. GUIDING PRINCIPLE

To ensure that the risks associated with primigravida and grand multigravida are appropriately addressed, all primigravid (G1) and grand multigravid (G5 and above) women shall be directly supervised by a doctor, preferably a specialist in obstetrics during antenatal, delivery and postnatal period in a well-equipped facility with capability for comprehensive emergency obstetrics and newborn care (CEmONC).

VI. IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES

Women in their first pregnancy (primigravida) and fifth pregnancy (grand multigravida) shall be given special attention. Thus, all health workers in the public and private sector providing maternal and newborn care shall be governed by the following service provision guidelines:

1. Ensure strict adherence to the antenatal care policy (Administrative Order 2016-0035: *Guidelines on the Provision of Quality Antenatal Care in All Birthing Centers and Health Facilities Providing Maternity Care Services* and its amendment AO 2016-0035-A).
 - a. Guided by the Pregnancy Tracking Protocol, community health workers, shall make regular home visits as required and timely referral to the Municipal Health Officer or Health Center Doctor for the required check-ups; and
 - b. Provide guidance in complying with the Birth Plan as provided for in the Mother – Baby Book to ensure that arrangements have been made relative to:
 - 1) Desired Birthing Center and birth attendant and if necessary, a maternity waiting home or home stay with a relative.
 - 2) In case referral becomes necessary, the nearest hospital and contact number has been secured.
 - 3) Funds for birth related and emergency expenses are made available and the health worker has oriented the woman and her family on PhilHealth membership and enrolment at the point of service.
 - 4) Transport service from home to facility.
 - 5) Desired birth companion, and
 - 6) At least 2 stand-by blood donors.

The Birth Plan also provide motivation for women to prepare for personal things that they need and their babies on delivery.

2. Doctor-supervised focused antenatal care shall be observed and practiced. This is to ensure that women are:

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- a. Appropriately tracked during the entire course of their pregnancy.
 - b. Screened for conditions and diseases such as anemia, sexually transmitted infections (STIs) particularly syphilis, HIV infection, hepatitis B infection, mental health problems, and / or signs of stress or domestic violence.
 - c. Pregnancy related complications particularly hypertensive disorders of pregnancy are recognized and managed.
 - d. Underlying and concurrent illness are recognized and treated.
 - e. Preventive measures including tetanus-diphtheria immunization, deworming, iron and folic acid supplementation, calcium carbonate supplementation, iodine oil capsule supplementation; and in malaria endemic areas, intermittent preventive treatment of malaria in pregnancy (IPTp) and insecticide treated bed nets (ITN) are provided.
 - f. Advice and support to the woman and her family for developing healthy home behaviors and a Birth Plan are provided.
3. In instances where antenatal care is provided in a non-hospital doctor-managed Birthing Center such as the Rural Health, *primigravid and grand multigravida women shall be referred for a supervised antenatal care, delivery and postnatal care by a specialist in a CEmONC provider facility (Level II or III hospital) guided by the health system referral protocol as defined in Administrative Order No. 2014-0046 (Defining the Service Delivery Network (SDN) for Universal Health Care or Kalusugan Pangkalahatan on the establishment of the Service Delivery Network) and Department Memorandum No. 2014-0313 (Adoption of the Guidelines in Establishing Service Delivery Network).*
 4. Upon his or her prudent assessment of the case and in extreme situations where an appropriate referral facility or specialist is not available, a doctor who is a general practitioner and trained on basic emergency obstetric and newborn care may assist in the delivery of G1 and G5 or higher gravidity in a well-equipped birthing center.
 5. To ensure that the risks associated with primigravida and grand multigravida are appropriately managed, Birthing Centers managed by Midwives and Nurses shall be required to refrain from handling primigravid and grand multigravid women. In situations where the area is geographically difficult and no appropriate referral facility is available, they shall be referred to the nearest Rural Health Unit where a doctor is available. Proper arrangements with a referral facility and half-way home type of maternity care shall be made during the antenatal period to ensure that optimum care possible is provided for their safe delivery.
 6. All Birthing Center staff shall observe and practice extraordinary prudence and judicious judgment to give counsel and inform the woman specially if she lives in a geographically isolated and disadvantaged area or cultural community, of the signs and symptoms of complications of pregnancy in preparation for delivery. At all times, the health care provider as well as the women, shall be vigilant in detecting and reporting early signs and symptoms of complications, immediately manage the complication or refer to a Level II or Level III hospital.

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Excerpts from the minutes of the meeting of City Health Board Meeting held on August 13, 2024 at Strike Multi-purpose Hall, Bacoor Government Center, City of Bacoor, Cavite.

RESOLUTION NO. 09 - 2024

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE SUSPENSION OF CHAPTER 3 SECTION 21 PARAGRAPH D OF CITY ORDINANCE NO. 253 – 2022 Series of 2022 (THE AMENDED HEALTH, SANITATION AND SAFETY CODE OF THE CITY OF BACOOR)

Whereas, The Provincial Health Office issued an advisory dated August 7, 2024

1. G1 and G5 (Gravida 1 and Gravida 5): All prenatal care and vaginal delivery of G1 and G5 mothers shall be conducted in a hospital setting.
2. Prenatal Check-ups at Lying-in Clinics: Prenatal check-ups for G1 and G5 may be carried out at lying-in clinics by an OB-GYN specialist, provided that they have a valid birth plan in a hospital affiliated by their attending OB-GYN specialist.
3. Referral of Non-High Risk G2 and G3: To alleviate congestion at GEAMH for normal deliveries, all non-high-risk G2 and G3 mothers shall be referred to the nearest lying-in clinic in their area of residence for prenatal check-ups and vaginal deliveries.

Whereas, significant increase of maternal mortality has been recorded recently in the Province of Cavite.

Whereas, the City of Bacoor has four (4) confirmed maternal mortality from January 2024 to August 2024.

Whereas, it has been confirmed that maternal death cases involved Gravida 1 and Gravida 5 which are considered as high risk pregnancies.

Whereas, it is the duty and responsibility of the government to protect and safeguard the health of both the mother and the child.

Whereas, Chapter 3 Section 21 Paragraph D (A woman who is pregnant for the first time who is more than eighteen (18) years old or a woman who has been pregnant five (5) times or more maybe admitted to a lying in facility provided that they have been assessed by an Obstetrician (OB) during pre-natal check-up at the facility. The delivery should also be done by the OB GYNE otherwise they should be referred to a hospital facility for delivery) is in contrast to the advisory issued by the Provincial Health Office.



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Now Therefore, Resolved as it is hereby Resolved, that Chapter 3 Section 21 Paragraph D be recommended to be **SUSPENDED** in compliance to the Health Advisory issued by the Provincial Health Office and to ensure public health safety. Resolved further that the above mention ordinance be amended by the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

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Secretary

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