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February 25 2025

Hon. ATHENA BRYANA TOLENTINO
Provincial Governor
Province of Cavite
Cavite Provincial Capitol Building
Trece Martires, Cavite



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Dear Gov. Tolentino,

Good day!

In compliance with Art. 59 (b) (1) Rule XII of Administrative Order 270, Series of 1992, this is to respectfully submit the attached Executive Order issued by the undersigned, for your review and appropriate action:

EO NO.	DATE	TITLE
14-2025	February 25 2025	AN ORDER ADOPTING THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF CITY ORDINANCE NO. 414-2024 AN ORDINANCE GRANTING FREE BASIC LABORATORY SERVICES FOR PREGNANT WOMEN IN THE CITY OF BACOR, CAVITE

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

HON. STRIKE B. REVILLA
City Mayor



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OFFICE OF THE CITY LEGAL SERVICE

ENDORSEMENT LETTER NO. 141, Series of 2025

TO : **ATTY. AIMEE TORREFRANCA-NERI**
City Administrator

SUBJECT : **FOR COUNTERSIGNATURE**
EO No. 14-2025

DATE : **25 February 2025**

The Office of the City Legal Service hereby respectfully endorses to your good office the original copy of the following Executive Order:

Executive Order No. 14-2025 entitled: *"An Order Adopting the Implementing Rules and Regulations of City Ordinance No. 414-2024 "An Ordinance Granting Free Basic Laboratory Services for Pregnant Women in The City of Bacoor, Cavite"*

If the attached Executive Order is sufficient and satisfactory, may we respectfully request your countersignature and subsequent endorsement to **Hon. Strike B. Revilla** for his approval and signature.

Thank you very much.

Respectfully,


ATTY. KIM NYCA R. LOFRANCO
City Legal Officer

OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

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EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 14 - 2025
Series of 2025

**AN ORDER ADOPTING THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF
CITY ORDINANCE NO. 414-2024**

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING FREE BASIC LABORATORY SERVICES
FOR PREGNANT WOMEN IN THE CITY OF BACOR, CAVITE**

WHEREAS, Section 16 of R.A. No. 7160 provides that every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare including the promotion of safety of its constituents and provision of adequate transportation facilities;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod enacted and passed City Ordinance No. 414-2024, entitled "An Ordinance Granting Free Basic Laboratory Services for Pregnant Women in the City of Bacor, Cavite," to ensure that all pregnant women in Bacor have access to free basic laboratory tests essential for maternal health;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Bacor recognizes the need to issue an Implementing Rules and Regulations pertinent to the above-mentioned Ordinance;

WHEREAS, the Office of the City Mayor of Bacor, in coordination with the concerned city government offices, issued the above-mentioned Implementing Rules and Regulations that shall govern City Ordinance No. 414-2024;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STRIKE B. REVILLA, City Mayor of Bacor, Cavite, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order for the adoption and implementation of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of City Ordinance No. 414-2024 herein attached.

Section 1. Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR). Attached herein is the Implementing Rules and Regulations of City Ordinance No. 414-2024, which shall form part of this Executive Order. This shall be known as the "Implementing Rules and Regulations of City Ordinance No. 414-2024." All affected offices and departments are hereby ordered to adopt the said implementing rules and regulations and be guided accordingly. Strict compliance and observance of all city government officials and employees to this Implementing Rules and Regulations is hereby ordered.

Section 2. Repealing Clause. All previously issued orders and directives inconsistent with any provision found herein shall be deemed repealed, revoked, or amended accordingly.



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Section 3. Separability Clause. In the event that any provision found herein shall be judicially or administratively declared illegal or infirm, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. Effectivity Clause. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon its signing and remain in full force and effect until repealed, revoked, or amended accordingly.

SO ORDERED.

DONE this 25 day of February 2025 in the City of Bacoor, Province of Cavite.


STRIKE B. REVILLA
City Mayor ✓





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**IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS
OF CITY ORDINANCE NO. 414-2024**

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING FREE BASIC LABORATORY
SERVICES FOR PREGNANT WOMEN IN THE CITY OF
BACOR, CAVITE**

**RULE I
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Section 1. Title. These rules shall be known as the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of the Free Basic Laboratory Tests for Pregnant Women Ordinance of Bacoor City, also known as the "Ordinance." Henceforth, the IRR shall be referred to as the "Rules."

Section 2. Purpose. This IRR is issued to establish the guidelines, processes, and responsibilities for the effective implementation of the Free Basic Laboratory Tests for Pregnant Women Ordinance of Bacoor City to ensure that all pregnant women in Bacoor have access to free basic laboratory tests essential for maternal health.

Section 3. Coverage. The Ordinance and this IRR shall apply to all pregnant women residing in Bacoor, regardless of socioeconomic status, who seek prenatal care at government health facilities.

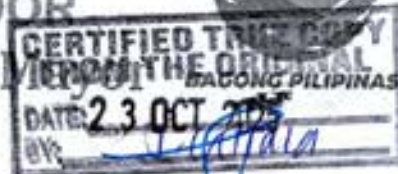
Section 4. Rules of Construction. In construing the provisions of this IRR, the following rules of construction shall be observed unless inconsistent with the manifest intent of the provision, or when applied, they would lead to absurd or highly improbable results.

1. **General Interpretation.** – All words and phrases used in this IRR should be understood according to their usual meaning, but technical terms or those with specific meanings in this IRR should be interpreted accordingly.
2. **Gender and Number.** – Words indicating gender or number should be interpreted inclusively, acknowledging all gender identities and expressions and all numerical interpretations.
3. **Calculation of Time.** – When determining timeframes for actions as outlined in this IRR or related regulations, the first day is excluded, and the last day is included unless it falls on a Sunday or a holiday, in which case the following business day is considered the final day.





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4. **References.** – Any mention of chapters, articles, or sections refers to those within this IRR unless otherwise specified.
5. **Resolution of Conflicts.** – In the event of conflicting provisions within different sections, each section's specific details should prevail.

RULE II DECLARATION OF POLICY AND DEFINITION OF TERMS

Section 5. Declaration of Policy. It is the policy of the City Government of Bacoor to:

1. Protect the life of the mother and the life of the unborn from conception, protect and promote the right to health of women, especially mothers in particular, and of the people in general, and instill health consciousness among them.
2. Provide that all pregnant women shall be provided with focused ante-natal care including basic laboratory tests and screening tests for sexually transmitted infections if available at the health facility.
3. Encourage women to access antenatal care at their nearest public health centers or birthing centers within the City of Bacoor.

Section 6. Definitions. As used in these Rules, the following terms are hereby defined as follows:

1. **Antenatal Care (ANC)**, also known as prenatal care, is a type of preventive healthcare accorded to pregnant women with the goal of providing regular check-ups that allow doctors, nurses, and midwives to identify, prevent and treat potential health problems throughout the course of the pregnancy while promoting healthy lifestyles that benefit both mother and child;
2. **Birthing Center** is a healthcare facility also known as a *birthing home*, *lying-in*, and *puericulture center*. It can be a *Rural Health Unit*, *Health Center*, *City*, or *District Hospitals* that provide birthing services. It provides antenatal care, birthing care, and postnatal care. It is staffed by doctors who are general practitioners or with specialization in obstetrics, nurses or nurse-midwives, and midwives trained in basic emergency obstetrics and newborn care;
3. **Maternal Health Services** refer to a range of services that cover care during the periods that include, but are not limited to antenatal, delivery, and postpartum periods;





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4. **HIV Testing** refers to any facility-based, mobile medical procedure, or community-based screening modalities that are conducted to determine the presence or absence of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) in a person's body. HIV testing is confidential, voluntary in nature and must be accompanied by counseling prior to and after the testing, and conducted only with the informed consent of the person;
5. **Hepatitis B Screening** is a test to determine a partly double-stranded DNA virus that causes acute and chronic liver infection, known as the Hepatitis B Virus (HBV). Screening for hepatitis B is recommended in pregnant women at their first prenatal and are at high risk of chronic infection;
6. **Syphilis testing** involves serologic blood tests to detect the infection, especially in pregnant women, to prevent congenital syphilis. There are two main types (a) nontreponemal tests (e.g., VDRL, RPR) screen for syphilis by detecting nonspecific antibodies and are used for initial diagnosis and treatment monitoring; and, (b) treponemal tests (e.g., FTA-ABS, TPPA) confirm infection by detecting antibodies specific to *Treponema pallidum*;
7. **Urinalysis test** examines urine and its contents, such as blood cells, proteins, and other substances. This test is an essential part of prenatal assessments as it screens for urinary tract infections (UTIs) and preeclampsia among pregnant women;
8. **Complete Blood Count (CBC) test** is a routine prenatal diagnostic test that assesses a pregnant woman's overall health by measuring red blood cells, white blood cells, platelets, and hemoglobin levels. It helps detect anemia, infections, and other hematological abnormalities, which will guide appropriate medical management during pregnancy.

RULE III ELIGIBILITY AND SCOPE OF SERVICES

Section 7. Eligible Beneficiaries. To avail of free laboratory services, a pregnant woman must:

1. Be a resident of Bacoor, as evidenced by a barangay certification or valid government-issued ID.
2. Be officially registered in the maternal care program in any of the designated City Health Centers or birthing centers under the direct supervision of the Office of the City Health Services (OCHS).

Section 8. Covered Laboratory Services. The following basic laboratory tests shall be provided free of charge:





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1. HIV Test
2. Hepatitis B Screening (HBsAG)
3. Syphilis Test
4. Urinalysis
5. Complete Blood Count (CBC) – red blood cells, hemoglobin white blood cells, and platelets

RULE IV IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISM

Section 9. Implementing Agencies. The following agencies shall be responsible for the program's implementation:

- A. Office of the City Health Service (OCHS)
 - a. Oversees and monitors the implementation of free laboratory tests for pregnant women;
 - b. Ensures the timely inventory and availability of medical supplies for laboratory tests;
 - c. Provide technical guidance to other health personnel involved in the program implementation.
- B. City Government Health Centers
 - a. Conducts the laboratory tests available in the respective health centers;
 - b. Maintains medical records of all pregnant women availing the free laboratory services;
 - c. Ensures the provision of antenatal services and maternal health services.
- C. Barangay Health Workers (BHWs)
 - a. Conducts information dissemination to encourage prenatal check-ups and early laboratory testing;
 - b. Assists in patient referrals and outreach activities within their respective barangays;
 - c. Maintain a registry of pregnant women availing of the free laboratory services;
 - d. Monitors compliance with scheduled laboratory tests and follow-ups.
- D. City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO)
 - a. Assists in identifying indigent pregnant women eligible for the program.

Section 10. Registration and Availment Process. To avail of the free laboratory services, the following procedure must be observed:





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1. Pregnant women must register or enroll at their nearest barangay health center or the Rural Health Units under the Office of the City Health Services. The registration procedure is as follows:
 - a. Present a valid ID confirming residency in the barangay where the free laboratory test will be availed;
 - b. Fill out the required registration form available at the health center;
 - c. Provide additional documentary requirements such as medical records or pre-natal checkup records as proof of pregnancy;
 - d. Barangay Health Workers or Health Center personnel must maintain a logbook recording all registered pregnant women availing of the free laboratory tests;
 - e. Undergo an initial consultation and screening by healthcare providers to assess eligibility for free laboratory tests.
2. Health workers shall issue referrals for laboratory tests to designated public health facilities, and provide the corresponding schedule for the procedures.
3. All laboratory tests shall be conducted at no cost for eligible pregnant women.
4. The results of the laboratory tests shall be recorded in the patient's prenatal records for proper monitoring and follow-up and, if necessary, referral to appropriate medical services for further evaluation and treatment.

RULE V FUNDING AND RESOURCE ALLOCATION

Section 11. Budget Allocation. The City Government of Bacoor shall allocate funds for the purchase of laboratory supplies, equipment, and/or hiring personnel necessary for the effective implementation of the Ordinance or this IRR subject to the compliance with pertinent laws and government regulations on procurement and disbursement of public funds and supplies.

Section 12. Partnerships with Private Medical Institutions. The City Government may enter into partnerships with private laboratories, medical institutions, and other stakeholders to augment medical resources and expand access to the covered health services.





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RULE VI
MONITORING, REPORTING, AND COMPLIANCE

Section 13. Monitoring and Evaluation. The OCHS shall conduct regular monitoring to ensure compliance and effectiveness, submitting periodic reports to the Office of the City Mayor.

Section 14. Complaints and Grievance Mechanism. A feedback mechanism shall be established at health centers to allow beneficiaries to report concerns regarding service delivery.

Section 15. Penalties for Non-Compliance. Public health personnel who unduly refuse to provide free laboratory services without valid reason may be subject to administrative sanctions, as determined by the City Government.

RULE VII
FINAL PROVISIONS

Section 16. Changes or Modifications of the Implementing Rules and Regulations. To appropriately administer the efficient and effective implementation of City Ordinance No. 389-2024, Series of 2024, the Office of the City Mayor, after consultation with the Office of the Building Official and other concerned city offices, may recommend to the Sangguniang Panlungsod amendments to said Ordinance, and consequently, this IRR.

Section 17. Repeal. All local rules or regulations that are inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this IRR are hereby repealed and modified accordingly.

Section 18. Separability. If any section or provision of this Implementing Rules and Regulations is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent authority, the remaining provision not affected thereby shall remain valid and continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 19. Effectivity. This Implementing Rules and Regulations shall take effect upon its approval.

