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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1054

Introduced by
SENIOR CITIZENS Party-List REP. FRANCISCO G. DATOL, JR.
AND REP. DALE "ALONG" R. MALAPITAN

RESOLUTION

CALLING FOR THE PHILHEALTH TO EXPAND ITS COVERAGE OF DIALYSIS
SESSIONS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS FROM NINETY (90) TO ONE HUNDRED FORTY-
FOUR (144) DAYS DURING THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)
 PANDEMIC.

WHEREAS, according to the research conducted by the University of the
Philippines in partnership with the National Telehealth Center and the Philippine
Health Insurance Corporation, those with Chronic Kidney Disease have a higher risk
of developing a severe form of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, senior citizens, compared to other age groups, have the highest fatality
rate from COVID-19;

WHEREAS, considering the above-mentioned facts, senior citizens with kidney
disease are disproportionately at risk of becoming a fatality of the COVID-19
pandemic;

WHEREAS, while they are placed at a disproportionate risk, only 90 dialysis sessions
with a case rate of two thousand five hundred pesos (PhP 2,500.00) are covered by
Philhealth per year under PhilHealth Circular No. 22 - 2015;

WHEREAS, senior citizens with kidney disease are then only covered for 90 out of
their needed 144 dialysis sessions. Thus, requiring them to pay for the remaining 54
sessions for them to be able to survive or a total of one hundred thirty five thousand pesos
(PhP 135,000.00) per year;

WHEREAS, due to the extraordinary economic and public health circumstances
brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, senior citizens with kidney disease do not have
the financial and economic capability to pay the PhP 135,000 needed to continue their
dialysis sessions. Thus, leading a number of fatalities, which could have been avoided;
WHEREAS, Article XIII, Section 11 of the Constitution provides that the State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women and children.

WHEREAS, in consideration of the afore-said constitutional and moral mandate, the government should extend the Philhealth's coverage on dialysis session for senior citizens with kidney disease from 90 to 144 to ensure their continued protection and survival;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the appropriate committee of the House of Representatives conducts a review and investigation, in aid of legislation, over the extension of Philhealth's dialysis coverage to senior citizens from 90 to 144 days.

Adopted,

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