



PhilHealth partners with Primary Care Networks for Konsulta implementation

The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) has just signed Service Level Agreements (SLAs) with the first seven Primary Care Provider Networks (PCPNs) ever to be formed in the country for a more effective delivery of primary care services through its Konsultasyong Sulit at Tama or Konsulta Package.

Under the agreement, the five (5) public PCPNs consisting of the Provinces of Bataan, Guimaras, Quezon and South Cotabato and the City of Baguio; and two private PCPNs namely Qualimed and LABX shall serve as sandbox sites (or test sites) for the enlistment of more Filipinos under the PhilHealth Konsulta Package which will now be financed via advance payments or frontloading of funds even before patients avail themselves of the services. Some 2.3 million Filipinos within these networks stand to benefit from a projected P1.2 billion in funding from the state health insurer.

The PhilHealth Konsulta package covers consultations, health risk screening and assessment, and 13 laboratory tests and 21 essential medicines subject to the recommendation of the Konsulta Provider.

This will eventually expand into a comprehensive outpatient benefit package as envisioned in the Universal Health Care Law and in response to President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr.'s thrust of reducing out-of-pocket expenses in health in line with the Government's vision of *"Matatag, Maginhawa at Panatag na Buhay"* for all Filipinos by 2040.

Present during the signing ceremony held at the PhilHealth Head Office in Pasig City were (seated from left) Gov. Angelina Helen Tan, M.D. of Quezon, former Health Secretary and Strategic Advisory Group of Experts (SAGE) on UHC member Dr. Esperanza Cabral, Rep. Stella Luz Quimbo of Marikina City's 2nd District, Health Secretary Dr. Teodoro Herbosa, PhilHealth Board Member Dr. Jack Arroyo, and Dr. Alejandro Herrin of USAID-Protect Health. Standing from left are SVP for Fund Management Renato Limsiaco, Jr., OIC-Corporate Secretary Atty. Lora Mangasar, Region VI VP Janet Monteverde, Guimaras Vice Governor John Edward Gando, CAR VP Dominga Gadgad, Baguio City Mayor Benjamin Magalong, Region IV-A VP Dr. Danilo Reynes, Dr. Mike Vergara of LABX, South Cotabato Gov. Reynaldo Tamayo, Jr., Jimmy Ismail of Qualimed, Bataan Gov. Jose Enrique Garcia III, Region XII VP Dr. Hector Zenon Malate, NCR VP Dr. Bernadette Lico, and Region III VP Edgardo Faustino. ###