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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 15-005
Series of 2015

AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A SERVICE CHARGE TO ALL WOMEN RECEIVING MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CARE SERVICES AT THE BIRTHING CENTERS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOON, BOHOL, AND SETTING ITS FUNCTIONS, OPERATIONS, AND ADMINISTRATION

INTRODUCTORY BRIEF

The Department of Health (DOH) crafted and introduced to the Local Government Unit (LGU's) the Maternal, Newborn, Child Health and Nutrition (MNCHN) strategy which calls for coordinated actions with the end goal of improving women and children's health and consequently effecting a rapid reduction in the maternal, newborn and child mortalities towards attaining Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) of the Philippines 4 and 5 within the set time frame.

The MNCHN strategy seeks to increase the number of pregnant women with at least four prenatal visits, increase facility based deliveries, increase number of infants at 6 months old who are exclusively breastfeed, increase the number of newborn who had newborn screening, increase postpartum and postnatal visits within the first week of delivery and increase number of fully-immunized child.

The implementation of the MNCHN strategy shall lead the community to its most desired outcome: that no woman dies giving birth and that no newborn dies at birth, which is also the intention of this ordinance.

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of Loon, Bohol in session duly assembled:

Section 1.Title. This ordinance shall be known as "AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A SERVICE CHARGE TO ALL WOMEN RECEIVING MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CARE SERVICES AT THE BIRTHING CENTERS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOON, BOHOL, AND SETTING ITS FUNCTIONS, OPERATIONS, AND ADMINISTRATION.

Section 2. Declaration of Policies. It is hereby declared to be the policy of the Municipality of Loon, Province of Bohol to implement a comprehensive and integrated maternal and newborn health care-

- a. To establish a birthing center that shall render services by skilled birth attendants during childbirth;
- b. To provide quality prenatal, delivery and post natal care for pregnant women and newborn infants;
- c. To reduce maternal and infant mortality and morbidity;
- d. To give moral, social and technical support services before, during and after delivery as well as to the immediate members of the family of the pregnant mother;
- e. To encourage community involvement in the development and sustainability of the birthing center

Section 3. Definition of Terms. As used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

- a. Loon Birthing Center – refers to a facility under the control and supervision of the Local Government Unit (LGU) of the Municipality of Loon, Bohol through the Municipal Health Office that provides services catering to the needs of pregnant women, deliveries of normal full term pregnancies and care of new born babies. This may either refer to the Main Health Center/Rural Health Unit or Barangay Health Stations capable of handling deliveries.
- b. Age of Gestation – number of weeks the baby is inside the mother’s womb based on the last menstrual period (LMP)
- c. Full term pregnancy – pregnancy with age of gestation from 38 – 42 weeks
- d. Prenatal care – refers to care of pregnant women having prenatal visits at least once in the first and second three months (first and second trimester) and at least twice in the third trimester of pregnancy
- e. Normal Spontaneous Delivery – spontaneous expulsion of full term baby in cephalic presentation through vaginal opening
- f. Skilled Birth Attendants - refers to licensed physicians, licensed nurse, licensed midwives, who are trained and skilled in handling deliveries preferably with the Basic Maternal Obstetrics in Newborn Care (BEmONC) training
- g. Traditional Birth Attendant – locally known as “hilot” who has the skill in attending birth deliveries
- h. Neonate or Newborn- the first twenty eight (28) days of human life after delivery
- i. Infant – a child within zero (0) to twelve (12) months of age
- j. Post Partum Care – care for mother who has newly delivered a newborn baby
- k. Newborn Care – care for a newborn which includes cord care, thermal care, eye prophylaxis, initiation to breastfeeding, BCG and Hepatitis B immunization and newborn screening
- l. Newborn Screening (NBS) – a blood test performed on newborn babies to detect any of the six congenital metabolic disorders which may lead to mental retardation and/or death
- m. Family Planning Services – refers to services for reproductive health i.e. the use of natural or artificial FP methods, and responsible parenthood
- n. Community Health Team (CHT) Partners – created due to the thrust of President Aquino to achieve universal health care through community health voluntary workers whose task include pregnancy tracking, assisting pregnant women in preparing the Birth Plan and referring them to health facility for delivery

- o. Birth Plan – a document prepared during prenatal period which contains plans of a pregnant women for her delivery
- p. Maternity Care Package – includes services (prenatal, delivery and postpartum) covered by PhilHealth

Section 4: The services of the Birthing Center are:

- 1. Prenatal care
- 2. Normal Spontaneous Delivery
- 3. Post Partum Care
- 4. Newborn care
- 5. Newborn Screening and Immunization
- 6. Family Planning Services

Section 5. Services Guidelines.

- a) The Birthing Center shall serve all pregnant women, Philhealth or non-Philhealth members, of the Municipality of Loon who come to avail of these services. However, in emergency cases, it may accommodate non-residents, provided, they present their medical/prenatal records.
- b) Those with identified medical and obstetric problems or high risk pregnant women shall be referred at once to an accessible hospital capable of handling obstetrical referrals with the use of the municipal/barangay ambulance.
- c) Patients who are PhilHealth members are exempted from payment of the services once the Birthing Center is accredited by PhilHealth on Maternal Care Package
- d) All newborn babies delivered shall undergo Newborn Screening in compliance to Newborn Screening Act of 2004 otherwise known as RA No. 9288.

Section 6. Exclusions. Exclusion criteria for Normal Spontaneous Delivery in non-hospital facilities are:

- 1. Maternal age below 20 years old (teenage pregnancies)
- 2. Elderly primi with maternal age 35 years and older
- 3. Multiple pregnancy
- 4. Ovarian abnormalities (e.g ovarian cyst)
- 5. Uterine abnormalities (e.g myoma)
- 6. Placental abnormalities (e.g. placenta previa)
- 7. Abnormalfetal presentation (e.g. breech)
- 8. History of at least three miscarriages or one stillbirth
- 9. History of previous major obstetric/gynecologic operative intervention (e.g. caesarian section/myomectomy)
- 10. History of medical conditions (e.g. hypertension, heart disease, pre-eclampsia, eclampsia, diabetes, epilepsy, renal disease, bleeding disorders, asthma, obesity, thyroid disorders)
- 11. Other risk factors that may arise during the present pregnancy (e.g. premature contractions, vaginal bleeding) that warrants a referral for further management

Section 7. Administration and Supervision

- a. The operation and administration of the Birthing Center shall be under the supervision of the Municipal Health Officer with the assistance of the nurses and midwives.
- b. A midwife should be attending to patients from her assigned catchment areas.
- c. In case the midwife assigned, for any reason, cannot attend to the patients from her catchment areas, her paired midwife should automatically take over.

- d. Recognized volunteer midwives/nurses may assist under the supervision of the midwives on duty.
- e. The municipality and all barangays shall maintain functional CHT partners to track down pregnancies, assist the women, accomplish birth plan and check on every visit and provide counselling and quality maternal care, prenatal, childbirth and postnatal services.
- f. The Municipal Health Officer shall ensure that the Birthing Center shall operate on an ON CALL basis twenty four (24) hours a day including Holidays.
- g. The Local Government Unit of Loon shall provide the necessary funds for the construction and maintenance of the infrastructure, facilities, equipment and medical supplies needed by the birthing center.

Section 8. Staffing and Management.

- a. Municipal Health Officer – Overall Supervisor of the birthing center
- b. Public Health Nurse - who serves as senior staff or team leader
- c. Midwives - who attend the patient.
- d. Casual workers - who keep the cleanliness of the entire Birthing Center and other minor tasks assigned from time to time by his/her supervisor
- e. Ambulance Driver - who shall be available 24 hours a day

Section 9. Benefits. The Local Government Unit may cause the implementation of the personnel benefits granted by the Magna Carta for Public Health Workers, specifically related to the program. In addition and upon effectivity of the ordinance, The Local Government Unit hereby grants the hereunder enumerated cash and non-monetary incentives.

- (a) Compensatory Day-Off. All Personnel ,whether Permanent, casual, or Job Order who rendered service in the Birthing center beyond office hours shall be granted compensatory day-off equivalent to the number of hours rendered.
- (b) Percentage of sharing. Fifty percent (50%) of the income generated from the imposition and collection of service charges/fees from the Birthing Center shall be converted into medical staff common fund to be divided as follows:
 - 80% to the attending midwife/midwife in charge
 - 20% to the partner midwife/midwife who assist/rendered actual service at the time of delivery to which the Municipal Health Center shall claim the percentage share at the Municipal Treasurer’s Office through a voucher or payroll, as the case may be

Section 10. Collection of Fees.

- a) For PhilHealth Members - The fee shall be charged to PhilHealth once birthing center is PhilHealth accredited for Maternity Care Package and for Newborn Screening Package.
- b) For Non- PhilHealth members - The Local Government Unit shall collect from the patient a charge of One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P1,500.00) per delivery as maternity package which include the basic services, medicine and medical supplies needed for normal delivery. This shall be paid directly to the Municipal Treasurer’s Office or his/her duly authorized representative.
- c) The service charge is exclusive of Newborn Screening fee and additional emergency medicines (IV Fluids, Magnesium Sulfate, suture materials, Methyldopa, Hydralazine, additional Oxytocin) which may be needed in case of emergency and other charges which may be imposed by DOH.
- d) The Newborn Screening Fee of PHP 600.00 will be paid through bank account deposit to the Newborn Screening Central Visayas Office at Jaro, Iloilo City facilitated by the RHU nurse.

Section 11. Creation of Trust Fund. A trust fund shall be created where all service fees collected shall be deposited in the account.

Section 12. Disposition of Trust Fund. The management and disposition of the trust fund shall be governed by the following:

- 1) The disbursement and liquidation of the trust fund shall be in accordance with pertinent government accounting and auditing rules and regulations and to be audited accordingly by the local COA auditors:
- 2) A separate book of accounts shall be maintained by the Municipality for this purpose.
- 3) The following shall be charged to the remaining 50% of the Trust Fund:
 - a) All drugs, medicines and supplies necessary in the operations of the Birthing Center
 - b) Necessary equipments for the improvement of Birthing Center services
 - c) Repair and maintenance of the Birthing Center facilities and equipment

Section 13. Increase in Fee. The Service charge shall increase from time to time based in the current prevailing prices of medical supplies as approved by the Sangguniang Bayan.

Section 14. Birthing Regulations

- a. All pregnant mothers with or without PhilHealth coverage are mandated to deliver their babies at the birthing centers, Barangay Health Stations capable of handling deliveries, or hospitals.
- b. Traditional Birth Attendants are prohibited to perform home deliveries. He/she may only assist the Community Health Team in bringing the pregnant mother to the nearest facilities capable of handling deliveries with the presence of the skilled birth attendant.
- c. Midwives are likewise prohibited from performing home deliveries.

Section 15. Prohibited Acts. The following are prohibited acts:

- a. Home delivery handled by unlicensed health workers.
- b. All deliveries attended to by Traditional Attendant or Hilot, whether trained or untrained, including prenatal and postnatal services, except in emergency cases and where the life of the mother and the baby are at risk or when transferring the mother from mountainous villages or far-flung areas is difficult, especially when the mother is in labor or when transportation is unavailable or the baby could be delivered on transit, or with proven competence and safe experience.
- c. Pregnant women who choose to deliver at home.

Section 16. Penal Clause. Any violator shall be fined:

- a. *First Offense - P1,000.00 or community service of fifteen (15) days*
- b. *Second Offense - P1,500.00 or community service of thirty (30) days*
- c. *Third and Succeeding Offenses- P2,500.00 or community service of forty five (45) days*

Section 17. Repealing Clause. Any provision of any existing ordinance inconsistent thereto shall be deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 18. Separability Clause. If any provision of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected shall remain valid and enforceable.

Section 19. Effectivity. This ordinance shall take effect after copies thereof are published in newspaper of general circulation in the province of Bohol and are posted at the barangay halls of Loon for a period of 3 weeks pursuant to Section 59 and Section 511a of RA 7160.

APPROVED BY MAJORITY VOTES.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the above-quoted ordinance.

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