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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article 2, Section 15 provides:

The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people
and instill health consciousness among them.

This bill requires the Secretary of the Department of Health to create a Blueprint for Health program to provide a national infrastructure for disease prevention, health promotion, and education about better management of chronic conditions. The program shall include: (1) chronic management programs; (2) incentives for the prevention of chronic diseases, including investments in health and sustainable local and regional food systems; and (3) a plan for the assessment of current health information technology initiatives. It also directs the Secretary to convene an executive committee to advise the Secretary on the creation and implementation of the Blueprint for Health.

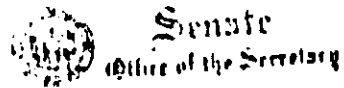
Further, this measure mandates the Health Secretary to recommend to Congress legislation to implement the Blueprint for Health, including the establishment of programs designed to enhance primary care, promote multidisciplinary care coordination,

prevent disease, improve quality, contain costs, more effectively manage chronic illness,
and promote good health and prevention initiatives.¹

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Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Blueprint for Health
2 Act.”

3 SECTION 2. *Purpose.* – It is the purpose of this Act to establish a Blueprint for
4 Health which is designed to:

5 (A) Create a national integrated medical home model of care that enhances
6 primary care, encourages multidisciplinary coordination, and promotes
7 disease prevention, health promotion and education, and better management
8 of chronic conditions;

9 (B) Increase Filipino’s access to affordable, appropriate, high quality care
10 through the use of the integrated medical home model; and

11 (C) Reduce costs to the Philippines health care system through the application of
12 such model.

13 SECTION 3. *Establishment of a Blueprint for Health for Disease Prevention,*
14 *Health Promotion and Education, and Better Management of Chronic Conditions.* –

1 (A) *In General.* - The Secretary of Health (here called as the "Secretary") shall
2 create consistent with this Act a program (here called as the "Blueprint for
3 Health") that provides a national infrastructure for disease prevention, health
4 promotion and education, and better management of chronic conditions
5 through the use of a nationwide integrated medical home model of care (here
6 called as the "integrated medical home model of care") in a manner that is
7 designed to initiate, coordinate, and evaluate measures for promoting health
8 and preventing disease in the Philippines.

9 (B) *Elements of Blueprint.* - The Blueprint for Health shall include the following
10 elements:

11 (1) *Strategic Plan.* - A strategic plan described in Section 4 for
12 designing the integrated medical home model of care.

13 (2) *Chronic Care Management Programs.* - Chronic care management
14 programs described in Section 5.

15 (3) *Prevention Incentives.* - Incentives for the prevention of chronic
16 disease described in Section 6.

17 (4) *Assessment of Hit Initiatives.* - A plan described in Section 7 for the
18 assessment of current health information technology initiatives.

19 (C) *Executive Committee.* -

20 (1) *In General.* - The Secretary shall convene an executive committee to
21 advise the Secretary on the creation and implementation of the
22 Blueprint for Health.

23 (2) *Composition.* - The executive committee shall include representation
24 from national and local medical, hospital, and pharmaceutical
25 associations, consumer and patient advocacy groups, labor groups,

1 employer and other purchasing groups, and the health insurance
2 industry.

3 SECTION 4. *Strategic Plan.* – The Blueprint for Health shall include a strategic
4 plan for designing the integrated medical home model of care that includes the following:

5 (A) Recommended elements of an integrated coordinated chronic care
6 management model that incorporates the following:

7 (1) Early disease detection and risk stratification; and

8 (2) Community care teams that provide care support for medical homes
9 and assist in coordinating care among medical homes, hospitals,
10 prevention programs, multidisciplinary specialists, and others.

11 (B) A plan for the formation of such community care teams that may include
12 panel managers, public health prevention specialists, nurse coordinators,
13 social workers, dieticians, community health workers, care coordinators,
14 behavioral health specialists, and other patient support personnel.

15 (C) Incentives for patient self management, community-based initiatives, and
16 system and information technology reforms, intended for use by all providers
17 and health plans, including Philhealth and other government programs.

18 (D) A description of recommended prevention programs and a strategy for
19 integrating them into the integrated medical home model of care.

20 (E) A plan to ensure that chronically ill patients have a low level of cost sharing
21 under the integrated medical home model of care.

22 (F) Alignment of health care information technology initiatives with information
23 technology needs.

24 (G) Development and use of outcome and reporting measures designed to track
25 the progress of patients meeting clinically recommended treatment goals.

- 1 (H) A strategy for ensuring the broad support of the integrated medical home
2 model of care by health insurers, hospitals, and health care professionals,
3 including specialists and other physicians.
- 4 (I) Recommendations for better integrating specialty care services into primary
5 care practices to ensure care coordination and the use of best practices.
- 6 (J) Recommendations for the consultation of providers experienced with the
7 development and implementation of an integrated medical home model of
8 care as this Act's care coordination model is developed; and
- 9 (K) A strategy for standardizing outcome and financial measures to ensure
10 consistency among all health plans, Philhealth and other government
11 programs.

12 SECTION 5. *Chronic Care Management Programs.* – The Secretary shall include
13 in the Blueprint for Health chronic care management programs which provide for at least
14 the following:

- 15 (A) Methods for identifying and enrolling chronically ill patients and for
16 encouraging primary care physicians, specialists, hospitals, and others to
17 participate in such programs.
- 18 (B) Development of health risk appraisal or assessment for individuals enrolled
19 under Philhealth and other government programs.
- 20 (C) A process for coordinating care among health professionals including
21 multidisciplinary care teams and specialty care providers.
- 22 (D) Methods for increasing communication among health care professionals and
23 patients, including patient education, self-management, and follow up plans.
- 24 (E) Process and outcome measures to provide performance feedback for health
25 care professionals and information on the quality of care.

1 (F) Payment methodologies to create financial incentives for patient participation
2 and to allow primary care physicians to meet specific standards of a medical
3 home program. Such financial incentives shall include:

4 (1) Enhanced payment to medical practices, such as a per member per
5 month fee, based on standards for a medical home prescribed by the
6 Secretary;

7 (2) Payment for care support services, such as community care teams or
8 other applicable approaches, across all insurers, including multi-payer
9 private plans and Philhealth and other government programs; and

10 (3) The support of a community based savings sharing and reinvestment
11 model, such as an accountable care organization, which incorporates a
12 balanced set of financial and quality incentives.

13 **SECTION 6. *Incentives for Prevention of Chronic Disease.* –**

14 (A) *In General.* - The Secretary shall include in the Blueprint for Health a plan to
15 provide incentives to prevent chronic diseases, including investments in
16 healthy and sustainable local and regional food systems as well as the
17 broader use of lifestyle changes, such as through diet, exercise, and smoking
18 cessation in the schools, communities, and workplace.

19 (B) *Compilation of Effective Practices.* - the Secretary shall compile a list of
20 effective practices that would serve as a basis for establishing programs to
21 prevent chronic disease and that could be included in the Blueprint for
22 Health.

23 (C) *Recommendations.* - The plan under Subsection (a) may include the
24 following:

1 (1) Grant opportunities and tax credits for localities to conduct
2 community assessment, intervention, and activation plans in which
3 public health data are collected and analyzed to identify areas in
4 greatest need of prevention and wellness programs.

5 (2) Tax credits and incentive grants to local education agencies,
6 businesses, communities, hospitals, health care providers, and other
7 entities so that they may adopt effective models of wellness shown to
8 lower costs and improve health.

9 (3) Incentives for individuals to take proactive preventative measures,
10 including weight management and smoking cessation.

11 (4) Tax credits and incentive grants to local education agencies,
12 businesses, local departments of public health, communities, hospitals,
13 health care providers and other entities to promote the development of
14 healthy and sustainable local and regional food systems.

15 **SECTION 7. *Health Information Technology.*** – The Blueprint for Health shall
16 promote the effective, efficient, national use of health care information technology
17 initiatives.

18 **SECTION 8. *Recommendations to Congress; Annual Report.*** – Not later than one
19 year after the date of effectivity of this Act, the Secretary shall present to Congress
20 recommendations for legislation to implement the Blueprint for Health, including the
21 establishment of programs designed to enhance primary care, promote multidisciplinary
22 care coordination, prevent disease, improve quality, contain costs, more effectively
23 manage chronic illness, and promote good health and prevention initiatives.

24 The Secretary shall submit an annual report to Congress on the status of the
25 implementation of the Blueprint for Health.

1 SECTION 9. *Appropriations.* – The funds needed for the initial implementation of
2 this Act shall be charged against the appropriations of the Department of Health.
3 Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for its full implementation shall be included
4 in the annual General Appropriations Act as a distinct and separate item.

5 SECTION 10. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is held invalid or
6 unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other
7 provisions hereof.

8 SECTION 11. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, and issuances, or
9 portions thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby
10 repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

11 SECTION 12. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
12 after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general
13 circulation.

Approved,

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