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**AN ACT**  
**AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11223, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE**  
**UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE ACT, TO PROVIDE FOR FREE ANNUAL MEDICAL**  
**CHECK UP FOR FILIPINOS**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Republic Act No. 11223 or Universal Health Care Act primarily seeks to ensure that all Filipinos have access to a comprehensive set of health services without financial hardship. It expands the coverage of the National Health Insurance to include all Filipinos.

This proposed measure seeks to provide free annual medical check up for all Filipinos. The check up will include basic diagnostic and laboratory tests such as complete blood count, urinalysis, stool analysis, chest x-ray, and complete medical exam. In addition, this bill provides that the check up may be availed anytime within a calendar year. This coincides with the aim of the Universal Health Care Act of providing accessible, quality and equitable health care services to Filipinos. Further, it is a significant step towards effective preventive care.

This bill is a recognition that health care must be every nation's top priority. Thus, consideration of this proposal is earnestly sought.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 6 of Republic Act No. 11223, or the Universal Health Care  
2 Act, is hereby amended to read as follows:

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4 "Sec. 6. *Service Coverage.* – (a) X x x

5 (b) Within two (2) years from the effectivity of this Act, Philhealth shall  
6 implement a comprehensive outpatient benefit, including outpatient drug  
7 benefit, [and] emergency medical services, **AND FREE ANNUAL MEDICAL**  
8 **CHECK UP** in accordance with the recommendations of the Health Technology  
9 Assessment Council (HTAC) created under Section 34 hereof [?].

10 **THE ANNUAL MEDICAL CHECK UP, AS PROVIDED FOR IN THIS ACT,**  
11 **SHALL INCLUDE BASIC DIAGNOSTIC AND LABORATORY TESTS SUCH**  
12 **AS THE FOLLOWING:**

- 13 i. **COMPLETE BLOOD COUNT**  
14 ii. **URINALYSIS (MACROSCOPIC AND CHEMICAL**  
15 **EXAMINATION)**

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- iii. **STOOL OR FECAL ANALYSIS**
- iv. **CHEST X-RAY**
- v. **COMPLETE PHYSICAL EXAM**

**THE DURATION OF AVAILING THE FREE MEDICAL CHECK UP  
SHALL BE FOR ONE WHOLE CALENDAR YEAR.**

- (c) X x x
- (d) X x x

*Sec. 2. Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

*Sec. 3. Repealing Clause.* – All laws, presidential decrees or issuances, executive orders, letter of instructions, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to, or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

*Sec. 4. Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*