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P. S. R. No. 1340

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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY,
IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED FREE INSURANCE COVERAGE
EXTENDED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF CALOOCAN TO ITS INDIGENT
RESIDENTS

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 15 states: "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them";

WHEREAS, the *Philippine Daily Inquirer* in an article dated 26 August 2009, reported that 35,000 indigent families in Caloocan City will soon be getting free insurance coverage for the city government will partially subsidize their hospitalization needs;

WHEREAS, it was claimed that the City Council of Caloocan passed resolution 4241 authorizing the local government to enter into an agreement with the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) for a sponsored sector program;

WHEREAS, the report stated that Caloocan City mayor Recom Echiverri claimed that recipients of the PhilHealth cards, as well as their immediate family members, would get a P500 per day discount if admitted in a room in any tertiary hospital, receive a P4,200 coverage for drugs and medicines, and P3,200 for X-ray and laboratory use;

WHEREAS, it was also claimed that PhilHealth card recipients who will be admitted in secondary hospitals, will get a P400 per day discount for a room, a P3,360 coverage for drugs and medicines, and a P2,240 coverage for x-ray and laboratory supplies;

WHEREAS, the report also stated that recipients who will be admitted to primary hospitals will receive a P300 per day discount for their room, plus a P2,700 subsidy for medicines; they will also be covered by as much as P1,600 for X-ray and laboratory supplies;

WHEREAS, other local governments should also extend free insurance coverage to its indigent residents or provide better health care services especially if they have a limited number of hospitals;

WHEREFORE, be it hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate, to direct the proper Senate Committee to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation, on the reported free insurance coverage extended by the city council of Caloocan to its indigent residents.

Adopted,


MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO