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Date: 11 2025 FEB

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Provincial Capitol  
Tacloban City

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PROVINCIAL LEGAL OFFICE



2<sup>nd</sup> INDORSEMENT  
December 26, 2024

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through SP Secretary, the attached Municipal Ordinance No. 2024-20 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Hilongos, Leyte.

Issues/concerns for review/recommendation/legal opinion is/are as follows:

- Municipal Ordinance No. 2024-20 entitled: **“An Ordinance Granting Incentives and Additional Benefits to all Qualified, Registered and Accredited Barangay Health Workers (BHWs) and Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNSs) in the Municipality of Hilongos, Leyte and Appropriating Funds Thereof”**.

**REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:**

This office is of the opinion that the subject Ordinance is generally in accordance with its power under Section 447(a)(1)<sup>1</sup> of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A. 7160) in consonance with R.A. No. 7883<sup>2</sup> and P.D. No. 1596<sup>3</sup>. Hence, we recommend for the declaration of its validity.

We hope to have assisted you with this request. Please note that the opinion rendered by this Office are based on the facts available and may vary or change when additional facts and documents are presented or changed. This opinion is likewise without prejudice to the opinions rendered by higher and competent authorities and/or the courts.

**ATTY. JOSE RAYMUND A. ACOL**  
*Provincial Legal Officer*

<sup>1</sup> Section 447. Powers, Duties, Functions and Compensation. -

(a) The sangguniang bayan, as the legislative body of the municipality, shall enact ordinances, approve resolutions and appropriate funds for the general welfare of the municipality and its inhabitants pursuant to Section 16 of this Code and in the proper exercise of the corporate powers of the municipality as provided for under Section 22 of this Code, and shall:

(1) Approve ordinances and pass resolutions necessary for an efficient and effective municipal government, and in this connection shall:

<sup>2</sup> "Barangay Health Workers' Benefits and Incentives Act of 1995."

<sup>3</sup> "Strengthening the Barangay Nutrition Program by Providing for a Barangay Nutrition Scholar in Every Barangay, Providing Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes."

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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN**

1<sup>ST</sup> INDORSEMENT  
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Province of Leyte  
Legal Office  
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The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 2024-20** of the **Municipality of Hilongos, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance granting incentives and additional benefits to all qualified, registered and accredited Barangay Health Workers (BHWs) and Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNSs) in the Municipality of Hilongos, Leyte and appropriating funds thereof.**

  
**FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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Municipality of Hilongos



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

15 November 2024

**HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.**  
Provincial Vice-Governor  
Province of Leyte  
Tacloban City



Sir:

Greetings!

Respectfully forwarding fifteen (15) copies each of **Municipal Ordinances**, to wit:

- a) **Municipal Ordinance No. 2024-20:** An Ordinance Granting Incentives and Additional Benefits to all Qualified, Registered and Accredited Barangay Health Workers (BHW's) and Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNSs) in the Municipality of Hilongos, Leyte and Appropriating Funds Thereof  
*with attached:* Certificate of Posting
- b) **Municipal Ordinance No. 2024-21:** An Ordinance Naming Three (3) Unnamed Streets in the Municipality of Hilongos  
*with attached:* Certificate of Posting

Hoping for its approval, I am.

Very respectfully yours,

  
**CATHERINE A. FABULAR**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian



**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2024-20**

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING INCENTIVES AND ADDITIONAL BENEFITS TO ALL QUALIFIED, REGISTERED AND ACCREDITED BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS (BHWs) AND BARANGAY NUTRITION SCHOLARS (BNSs) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF HILONGOS, LEYTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF**

*Author:* **HON. BERNADETH M. NERVES**  
 Chairperson Committee on Health, Nutrition, and Sanitation

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

**WHEREAS**, Section 15 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution states that: "The state shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them";

**WHEREAS**, the Barangay Health Workers (BHWs) are covered by the provisions of Republic Act No. 7883, otherwise known as the BHWs Benefits and Incentive Act of 1995, and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), which specifies their three (3) main responsibilities: (1) community organizers, (2) health educators, and (3) primary care providers;

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNSs) is covered by Presidential Decree No. 1596, otherwise known as "Strengthening the Barangay Nutrition Program by Providing Barangay Nutrition Scholar in Every Barangay, Providing Funds Therefor and for Other Purposes", which seeks to provide additional human resources for the implementation of programs, projects and activities aimed in addressing malnutrition by requiring at least one (1) BNS per barangay;

**WHEREAS**, the BHWs and BNSs are considered barangay-based volunteers whose role is indispensable to barangay health and wellness receiving no salary, but an honorarium, the amount of which depends on their respective barangay budget, often not sufficiently enough to meet their family needs;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to pass an ordinance to localize the provisions of the national laws;

**NOW THEREFORE**, on motion of Hon. Bernadeth M. Nerves, as duly seconded by Hon. Edwin F. Faller and Hon. Aline B. Reoma;

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Sangguniang Bayan of Municipality of Hilongos, Province of Leyte in regular session duly assembled that:

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE** - This Ordinance shall be known as "*Barangay Health Workers and Barangay Nutrition Scholars' Incentive Ordinance of the Municipality of Hilongos, Leyte*"

**SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY** - It is the policy of the municipality to protect and promote the right to health and nutrition of the people and adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to nutrition and related programs, which shall endeavor to make nutrition and related services available to all target beneficiaries.

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It shall be declared as a policy to promote and improve the social well-being and welfare of the BHWs and BNSs, whose roles are vital in the development, implementation, monitoring, and assessment of health and development programs in each barangay and in the Municipality of Hilongos, Leyte, as a whole.

Furthermore, in recognition of the services rendered by BHWs and BNSs who actively and regularly perform their duties, the Municipality of Hilongos will grant incentives and strengthen other benefits, consistent with national government policies.

**SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS** - For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following terms used shall be defined as:

- A. Barangay Health Worker (BHWs)** - refers to a person who has undergone training programs under any accredited government and non-government organization and who voluntarily renders primarily healthcare services in the community after having been accredited to function as such by the Local Health Board in accordance with the guidelines promulgated by the Department of Health (DOH);
- B. Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNSs)** - refers to barangay-based volunteer workers responsible for delivering nutrition services and other related activities such as community health, backyard food production, environmental sanitation, culture, mental feeding, and family planning to the Barangay;
- C. Barangay Health Worker (BHW) & Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS) Accreditation** - is an official acknowledgment by the Local Health Board of the merits of a BHW and BNS in meeting the standards prescribed by existing laws;
- D. Gratuity Benefit** - refers to monetary benefit or financial aid given to the Barangay Health Worker (BHW) and Barangay Nutrition Scholar (BNS) as a reward for their exemplary services to the barangay;
- E. Incentive Benefit** - refers to money benefit or financial aid given to the Barangay Health Worker and Barangay Nutrition Scholar as a reward for their exemplary services rendered to the barangay;
- F. Mandatory age for end of service** - refers to the age which, upon reaching, a BHW/BNS is compelled to end rendering health and other related services and for purposes of this Ordinance is established at **sixty- five (65) years**;
- G. Optional age for end of service** - refers to the age which, upon reaching, a BHW/BNS may opt to end rendering health services and for purposes of this Ordinance is established at **sixty (60) years old**;
- H. Voluntary Services** - refers to health and health-related activities rendered by BHW and BNS on his/her own free will, responsive to the needs of the community, and for which he/she has no certificate of appointment and is not given any remuneration or salary;

**SECTION 4. SCOPE OF APPLICATION** - This Ordinance shall cover all qualified, registered, and accredited Barangay Health Workers (BHWs) and Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNSs) who are rendering basic health services in the Municipality of Hilongos, Leyte.

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**SECTION 5. BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS (BHW) AND BARANGAY NUTRITION SCHOLARS' (BNS) QUALIFICATIONS** - The applicant should have the following qualifications:

A. For Barangay Health Workers (BHWs):

Base on Rule III, Section 3. Qualifications for Registration and Rule IV, Section 1 of Implementing Rules, and Regulations of Republic Act No. 7883 "Barangay Health Workers Benefits and Incentives Act of 1995".

B. For Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNSs):

1. At least 18 years old but not more than 60 years old prior to application;
2. At least High School graduate;
3. With good moral character;
4. Bona fide resident of the barangay for at least one (1) year prior to the application;
5. Physically and mentally fit.
6. Undergone Basic Training Course in Primary Health Care conducted by Municipal Health Office or any accredited agency, whose primary health care training programs have been duly accredited to function as such by the DOH;
7. Have rendered voluntarily primary health care services or nutrition services for at least one (1) year immediately preceding the date of filing of application for registration in his/her barangay as certified by the Rural Health Midwife assigned to the barangay and the Barangay Captain who has the personal knowledge about their performance;

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**SECTION 6. BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS** - Considering the work of a registered and/or accredited BHWs varied from barangay to barangay, an agreement must be reached between community leaders and the BHWs regarding their main tasks. Notwithstanding said agreement, the BHWs shall continue discharging their duties and responsibilities as a community organizer, educator and primary health care service provider enumerated hereunder:

A. As a Community Organizer - he/she shall participate in organizing and mobilizing the community towards self-reliance by:

1. Maintaining regular communication with barangay leaders and professional health workers;
2. Providing linkage between the barangay and local health agencies;
3. Assisting the barangay to develop a health plan and to take action to promote their health and well-being;
4. Facilitating the barangay members to identify and respond to their community health problems;
5. Keeping records of the work activities on health, and;
6. Developing appropriate knowledge and skills among barangay members to promote their participation in local health initiatives.

B. As an Educator - he/she shall provide knowledge and skills to barangay members in the prevention and management of simple illnesses by:

1. Conducting health classes and/or household teachings;

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2. Updating knowledge of barangay on relevant health issues, and
3. Distributing appropriate information, education, and communication skills.

C. As a Health Care Service Provider – he/she shall render primary health care services to the members of the barangay by:

1. Providing primary health care services as defined in Section 5(d) of Rule 1 of RA No. 7883 on its Implementing Rules and Regulations for which they are trained;
2. Referring patients with complication and those suspected to have communicable disease to the appropriate health center or hospital;
3. Monitoring the health status of the household members under their area of service coverage;
4. Keeping records of health activities in the barangay and the health station; and
5. Ensuring the proper maintenance of the health station and the safe custody of its equipment, medical supplies, and health records.

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**SECTION 7. BARANGAY NUTRITION SCHOLARS' DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS** – To improve the quality of life of the people in every barangay without overlapping the responsibilities of other barangay-based workers, the BNS must focus on the Nutrition Services to alleviate the malnutrition problem in their respective barangays. The BNS shall effectively discharge the following duties and responsibilities such as but not limited to;

A. **Planner** – BNS is involved in planning of programs, project and activities that will be implemented in their respective barangays regarding nutrition services. As a planner, the BNS shall assists the Barangay Captain in organizing or reactivating the Barangay Nutrition Council (BNC) as well as initiate and assist the said BNC in the formulation of the Barangay Nutrition Action Plan (BNAP);

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 (on sick leave)

B. **Coordinator** – The BNS is responsible for coordinating with the BNC and other health sectors. Particularly, the BNS shall coordinate meetings of the BNC and facilitate the nutrition related meetings and coordinate the implementation of nutrition activities;

TRINIDAD V. ZARATE  
 SB Member

C. **Advocate and Promoter** – It is the duty and responsibility to advocate for the nutrition program among policy and decision makers, implementers, and beneficiaries;

D. **Implementers** – The BNS shall implement the Nutrition Services under the guidance of the Municipal Nutrition Action Officer (MNAO). It is the duty of the BNS to assist in the implementation of the Barangay Nutrition Action Plan (BNAP);

ALINE B. REOMA  
 SB Member

E. **Monitor and Evaluator** – It is the duty of the BNS to find out whether the planned activities were implemented or the set objectives were fulfilled and if programs goals and target were met. The BNS shall be responsible to monitor the nutritional status of the barangay. It is also their duty to inform, monitor and conduct follow-up visits to mother/caregivers/parents of the beneficiaries and resource persons to attend the nutrition activities;

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**SECTION 8. REGISTRATION AND ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE (RAC)** - In order for BHW and BNS to be entitled to incentives and benefits provided under this Ordinance, they shall be registered and accredited with the Local Health Board (LHB) of the Municipality.

**A. The Local Health Board may create a Registration and Accreditation Committee (RAC)** in accordance with the Implementing Rules and Regulations of RA 7883, which shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson : Municipal Health Officer  
Vice-Chairperson : Sangguniang Bayan Member (Chairperson on Health, Sanitation, and Nutrition)

Members:

- Municipal Legal Officer
- Department of Health (DOH) Development Management Officer (DMO) representative to the Local Health Board
- President of Barangay Health Workers Federation (who shall have no voting right during the selection)
- President of Barangay Nutrition Scholar (who shall have no voting right during the selection)
- Liga ng mga Barangay President or his/her permanent authorized representative
- President of Civil Society Organizations (CSO) with health-based, health-focused, or health-related programs

The Local Health Board may, however, expand the membership of the RAC depending on the need for a more efficient system of registration and accreditation.

**B. Limitation on Registration.** The LHB shall see to it that the total number of registered BHWs and BNSs shall not exceed one percent (1%) of the total population of the municipality.

- Provided that, total BHW per barangay shall not exceed one percent (1%) of the total population of the barangay; Or a ratio of one (1) BHW : a maximum of 50 households per barangay, whichever is higher.
- Provided further that, total number of BNS in every barangay shall not exceed four (4) per barangay.

**SECTION 9. PROVISION OF INCENTIVES AND BENEFITS TO BARANGAY HEALTH WORKER AND BARANGAY NUTRITION SCHOLARS** - Subject to the provisions of this rule, BHWs and BNSs who are accredited, registered, qualified and who are actively, regularly, and officially performing their duties, as certified by the Barangay Captain shall be granted benefits and incentives, which shall include, but not limited to the following:

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Municipal Mayor

**A. ALLOWANCES** – Qualified, registered, and accredited BHWs and BNSs shall be entitled to receive a monthly allowance/honorarium of at least Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00) to be taken from the Barangay Health Workers and Barangay Nutrition Scholar Program. They shall submit a monthly itinerary and accomplishment report in duplicate copy; one (1) to the Rural Health Midwife assigned, one (1) to the Barangay Secretary, every 5<sup>th</sup> working day of the ensuing month. Non-submission of the above-mentioned document shall forfeit such allowance.

**B. CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT** – The Department of Health (DOH), in collaboration with other government agencies, including the Local Government Unit of Hilongos (LGU), private agencies and institutions, shall provide information and opportunities for training, seminars, conferences and career enrichment programs for accredited BHWs and BNSs.

**C. ONE-CHILD EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE** – Accredited BHWs and BNSs must be given a chance to avail the scholarship program of the Local Government Unit of Hilongos for their children subject to the available slots of the said Scholarship Program through our Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO).

**D. GRATUITY BENEFITS** – All accredited BHWs and BNSs, who in the performance of their duties, upon reaching either the optional (60 years old) or mandatory age (65 years old) for end of service provided in Section 3 hereof, will receive gratuity based on **the length of service and the corresponding amount and other benefits recommended by the Local Health Board (LHB), subject to the availability of funds:**

| Length of Service  | Amount in Peso   |
|--------------------|--|
| 10 to 15 years     | P5,000.00  |
| 16 to 20 years     | P8,000.00  |
| 21 to 25 years     | P12,000.00   |
| 26 to 30 years     | P15,000.00   |
| 31 years and above | P20,000.00 plus Plaque of Recognition for Exemplary Services to be issued by the Municipal Mayor |

**E. OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE** – A retired BHW and BNS shall be entitled to other financial assistance through the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO):

- 1. Medicine or Hospitalization Assistance** – shall receive medicine assistance and/or hospitalization assistance;
- 2. Burial Assistance** – in case of death his/her family or primary beneficiaries, they will receive mortuary assistance after submission of documentary requirements provided in Section 10, hereof.

**SECTION 10. PROCESSING OF CLAIMS** – The following documentary requirements shall be required for release of the benefits and incentives as mention on Section 9, of this ordinance:

- Barangay Certification;

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- b. Application for Gratuity Benefits;
- c. Approved Certificate of Accreditation from RAC;
- d. Doctor's prescription in case of out-patient BHW and BNS claim for medicine assistance;
- e. Certificate of confinement from any of Provincial Hospital in case of Hospitalization assistance claim;
- f. Certificate of Death in case of burial assistance claim;
- g. And such other requirements as may be required under the implementing rules and regulations thereof.

**SECTION 11. APPROVAL OF APPLICATION** - The Registration and Accreditation Committee (RAC) shall deliberate and decide on the application and its supporting documents within thirty (30) calendar days from receipt thereof. However, the application shall deem approved should the Committee fail to act within the said period.

**SECTION 12. REVIEW BY THE LOCAL HEALTH BOARD** - Every incentive or benefit for BHWs and BNSs requiring the expenditure of local funds shall be reviewed and approved by the Local Health Board to ensure that only the qualified BHWs and BNSs availed the incentive.

**SECTION 13. TENURIAL GUARANTEE** - Although this Ordinance acknowledges the right of supervision of the Barangay Officials over their BHWs and BNS, still no registered and accredited BHWs or BNS shall be terminated from services **without justifiable or valid cause and compliance of due process.** Unless the BHW or BNS inactively perform his/her duties and responsibilities, unsatisfactory rating in the Annual Evaluation conducted by the RAC and has failed to maintain the qualifications as mentioned in Section 5, of this ordinance.

**SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS.** The Local Government Unit of Hilongos shall appropriate funding in the General Fund or Supplemental Budget to ensure the implementation of this ordinance under the Aid to Barangay.

**SECTION 15. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS.** The Local Government Unit of Hilongos, in consultation with the Municipal Legal Officer, Local Health Board, DILG and other concerned government agencies and Civil Society Organizations (CSO) shall formulate implementing rules and regulations for the effective and efficient implementation of this Ordinance not later than sixty days (60 days) from the effectivity of this Act.

**SECTION 16. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If any part of this ordinance is declared as unconstitutional or unlawful, such declaration shall not affect the other parts or the section hereof that are not declared unlawful or unconstitutional.

**SECTION 17. REPEALING CLAUSE.** All previous ordinance inconsistent with this ordinance shall be deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 18. EFFECTIVITY.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately after its approval and shall be posted for three (3) consecutive weeks in all conspicuous places in the Municipal Hall or in the Local Bulletin Board.

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Municipal Vice-Mayor

**ENACTED** this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024 during the Forty-Third Regular Session of the 16<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Bayan of Hilongos.

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SB Member *(on vacation leave)*

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**I HEREBY CERTIFY** to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

**CATHERINE A. FABULAR**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

**ATTESTED:**

**ALBERT R. VILLAHERMOSA**  
Municipal Vice-Mayor/Presiding Officer

**APPROVED:**

**MANUEL R. VILLAHERMOSA**  
Municipal Mayor  
Date: 11/15/24



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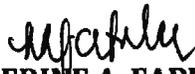
### **CERTIFICATION**

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

This is to certify that pursuant to paragraph (a) of Article 114 of Republic Act 7160, also known as the Local Government Code of 1991 Municipal Ordinance No. 2024-20: An Ordinance Granting Incentives and Additional Benefits To All Qualified, Registered and Accredited Barangay Health Workers ( BHWs) and Barangay Nutrition Scholars ( BNSs) in the Municipality of Hilongos, Leyte and Appropriating Funds Thereof has complied the said provision last November 4, 2024.

Further, this certification is issued in compliance with RA 7160.

GIVEN this 15th day of November, 2024 in Hilongos, Leyte, Philippines.

  
**CATHERINE A. FABULAR**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian