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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 2025-017 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Calubian, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 2025-017 entitled: “**An Ordinance Adopting the Province-Wide Health System (PWHS), otherwise known as the “Leyte Integrated Health System Ordinance.”**”

REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:

This office is of the opinion that the subject Ordinance is generally in accordance with its power under Section 33¹ of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160) pursuant to RA 11223². 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.

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ATTY. JOSE RAYMUND A. ACOL
Provincial Legal Officer

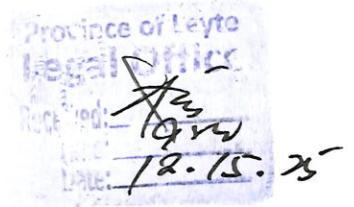
¹ **Section 33. Cooperative Undertakings Among Local Government Units.** - Local government units may, through appropriate ordinances, group themselves, consolidate, or coordinate their efforts, services, and resources for purposes commonly beneficial to them. In support of such undertakings, the local government units involved may, upon approval by the sanggunian concerned after a public hearing conducted for the purpose, contribute funds, real estate, equipment, and other kinds of property and appoint or assign personnel under such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon by the participating local units through Memoranda of Agreement.

² The Philippine Universal Health Care (UHC) Law

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

1ST INDORSEMENT
15 December 2025



The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Ordinance No. 2025-017** of the **Municipality of Calubian, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance institutionalizing the integration of Local Health Systems within the Municipality of Calubian and adopting the Province-Wide Health System (PWHS), otherwise known as the "Leyte Integrated Health System Ordinance"**.


FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



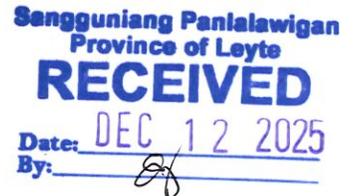
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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN



December 12, 2025

HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.
Provincial Vice Governor, Presiding Officer; and
The Honorable Members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan
Province of Leyte
New Leyte Provincial Capitol
Palo, Leyte



THRU: **MS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO**
Provincial Government Department Head
Secretary to the Sanggunian
Province of Leyte

Dear Honorable Ladies/ Gentlemen:

Good day!

We are respectfully forwarding *fifteen (15) copies* of the following Municipal Ordinances, to wit:

1. **Ordinance No. 2025-017**: AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE INTEGRATION OF LOCAL HEALTH SYSTEMS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALUBIAN AND ADOPTING THE PROVINCE-WIDE HEALTH SYSTEM (PWHS), OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LEYTE INTEGRATED HEALTH SYSTEM ORDINANCE"

For your perusal. Please acknowledge receipt hereof.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

ATTY. KEISHAYNA VINEE V. RAMIREZ
MGDH I (Secretary to the Sanggunian)



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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE TWENTIETH (20th) REGULAR SESSION OF THE TWENTY SIXTH (26th) SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF CALUBIAN, LEYTE HELD ON NOVEMBER 24, 2025 AT THE SB SESSION HALL, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING.

PRESENT:

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| Hon. Anna Love Veloso-Laurente | Presiding Officer |
| Hon. Eduardo R. Omega | SB Member |
| Hon. Ralph Anthony George D. Martinez | SB Member |
| Hon. Ester P. Lubiano | SB Member |
| Hon. Julia E. Halichic | SB Member |
| Hon. Ben Leo C. Ruña | SB Member |
| Hon. Eugenio A. Ching, Jr. | SB Member |
| Hon. Alfredo M. Casas | Liga ng mga Barangay Pres. |
| Hon. Carl Ernest D. Ponce | SK Federation President |

EXCUSED:

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| Hon. Jullian Marc A. Batiancela | SB Member |
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ON LEAVE:

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| Hon. Noel G. Eamiguel | SB Member |
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ORDINANCE NO. 2025-017

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE INTEGRATION OF LOCAL HEALTH SYSTEMS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALUBIAN AND ADOPTING THE PROVINCE-WIDE HEALTH SYSTEM (PWHS), OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LEYTE INTEGRATED HEALTH SYSTEM ORDINANCE"

INTRODUCED BY: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SANITATION

- HON. EDUARDO R. OMEGA
 HON. JULLIAN MARC A. BATIANCELA
 HON. EUGENIO A. CHING, JR.
 HON. NOEL G. EAMIGUEL

WHEREAS, Section 11, Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution mandates the State to adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development and to prioritize the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, women, and children;

WHEREAS, Section 17 and Section 33 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provide that LGUs shall discharge devolved health functions and may consolidate or coordinate their efforts and resources for purposes commonly beneficial to them;

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HON. RALPH ANTHONY GEORGE D. MARTINEZ

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HON. ALFREDO M. CASAS

Liga ng mga Barangay President

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11223, otherwise known as the Universal Health Care Act, directs the integration of local health systems into province-wide health systems, and mandates shared responsibility among the DOH, PhilHealth, DILG, and LGUs;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8792 or the Electronic Commerce Act of 2000 and Republic Act No. 10173 or the Data Privacy Act of 2012 recognize the use of secure electronic systems to promote efficiency, accountability, and confidentiality in government transactions, including health data management;

WHEREAS, the Province of Leyte has pioneered digital health innovations such as the Quick Medical Record (QMeR) and other interoperable information systems to support integrated health service delivery;

WHEREAS, the Municipal Government of Calubian, Leyte has signified their willingness to cooperate, pool resources, and jointly organize the Province-Wide Health System (PWHS), also known as the Health Care Provider Network (HCPN), while respecting LGU autonomy and promoting collaboration;

NOW, THEREFORE

On motion of Hon. Ralph Anthony George D. Martinez, seconded by Hon. Ben Leo C. Ruña, and the Majority of the SB Members present;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF CALUBIAN, LEYTE, in a session assembled, **THAT:**

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as the "Ordinance Adopting the Province-Wide Health System (PWHS), otherwise known as the "Leyte Integrated Health System Ordinance "

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY.

It is the policy of the Municipal Government of Calubian to ensure the delivery of continuous, coordinated, and integrated health services to all its constituents by adopting and integrating all local health systems the Province-Wide Health System (PWHS), in accordance with the Universal Health Care Act and other pertinent laws, rules, and regulations.

SECTION 3. OBJECTIVES. This Ordinance aims to:

1. Adopt the Province-Wide Health System (PWHS) that ensures accessible, affordable, and quality health services for all residents;
2. Integrate to the municipal health offices, hospitals, health centers, and other LGU-managed health facilities into a functional PWHS;
3. Promote cooperation and collaboration among LGUs in addressing health issues;
4. Strengthen primary care, streamline referral pathways, and rationalize the use of health resources across the province;
5. Institutionalize the use of digital health systems, including interoperable electronic medical records, to improve coordination, efficiency, and accountability.

SECTION 4. SCOPE OF APPLICATION. This Ordinance shall apply to all health offices, facilities, services, human resources, and other operations related to health under the management of the Municipal LGUs, private clinics and other private health institutions in the Municipality of Calubian, Leyte.

SECTION 5. DEFINITION OF TERMS. For purposes of this Ordinance, the following shall be mean as follows:

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- a) **Province-Wide Health System (PWHS)** - An integrated local health system where healthcare providers deliver continuous and coordinated health services to individuals and communities in Leyte.
- b) **Health Care Provider Network (HCPN)** - A group of primary to tertiary care providers, whether public, private, or mixed, offering people-centered and comprehensive care in an integrated manner.
- c) **Primary Care Provider Network (PCPN)** - Groups of public, private, or mixed primary care providers serving as the initial and continuing point of contact of clients in the health care delivery system.
- d) **Special Health Fund (SHF)** - A pooled financial resource intended to finance health services and system operations.
- e) **Quick Medical Record (QMeR)** - The official electronic health information system of the Province of Leyte to support patient records, referrals, and reporting in compliance with data privacy laws.

SECTION 6. GENERAL PRINCIPLES.

- 6.1. The adoption of the PWHS shall be guided by the principles of universality, equity, quality, efficiency, and accountability.
- 6.2. Integration of local health systems is a shared responsibility between the Provincial Government and its component LGUs.
- 6.3. The adoption of the PWHS shall strengthen primary care and ensure functional two-way referral systems across facilities.
- 6.4. Digital health systems shall be interoperable, secure, and compliant with national data privacy and ICT policies.
- 6.5. Financing of the adoption and integration of the PWHS shall be supported through the Special Health Fund, pooled from LGU contributions, PhilHealth payments, DOH grants, and other allowable sources.

SECTION 7. GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE.

- 7.1. **Provincial Health Board (PHB).** The PHB shall serve as the highest policy and oversight body of the PWHS. It shall be chaired by the Provincial Governor, co-chaired by the Provincial Health Officer, and composed of representatives from the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, League of Municipal Mayors, DOH, PhilHealth, private sector, civil society, and other stakeholders.
- 7.2. **Provincial Health Office (PHO).** The PHO shall serve as the technical and administrative secretariat of the PHB, responsible for network planning, monitoring, and evaluation, and for ensuring compliance with health policies and standards.
- 7.3. **Municipal and City Health Boards.** These Boards shall retain their local functions but align their plans and programs with the PWHS framework.

SECTION 8. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

The Municipal Government. The Municipal Government of Calubian through the Local Health Board shall:

- a) Formulate local health plans aligned with provincial strategies;
- b) Manage and finance RHUs, BHSs, and LGU-owned hospitals to meet licensing and accreditation standards;
- c) Implement health promotion, regulation, and referral activities;
- d) Ensure proper use of QMeR and submit timely health reports;
- e) Maintain local facilities, roads, and transport support to strengthen referral systems.

SECTION 9. DIGITAL HEALTH SYSTEMS.

- a) The Quick Medical Record (QMeR) and other approved systems shall serve as the official digital health platforms of the PWHS.
- b) All health facilities shall adopt and comply with data entry, reporting, and security protocols.

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- c) Data sharing shall comply strictly with the Data Privacy Act of 2012 and relevant DOH guidelines.
- d) The Province retains ownership of QMeR but grants LGUs and accredited partners rights of use for service delivery and reporting.

SECTION 10. FUNDING PROVISIONS. A Special Health Fund (SHF) is hereby established at the municipal level. The SHF shall be managed by the Local Health Board through a dedicated account, subject to existing government auditing rules and regulations.

SECTION 11. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 14. REPEALING CLAUSE. All ordinances, resolutions, and executive orders inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 15. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from posting and publication, immediately upon approval of the Municipal Mayor and the Honorable Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte.

Approved.

Ordinance No. 2025-017

APPROVED, this 24th day of November, 2025 at Calubian, Leyte.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance.

ATTY. KEISHA YNA VINEE V. RAMIREZ
MGDH I (Secretary to the Sanggunian)

ATTESTED BY:

HON. ANNA LOVE VELOSO-LAURENTE
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

Date: DEC 09 2025

HON. MARCIANO A. BATLANCELA, JR.
Municipal Mayor



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CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT the Municipal Ordinance No. 2025-017, entitled: "AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE INTEGRATION OF LOCAL HEALTH SYSTEMS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALUBIAN AND ADOPTING THE PROVINCE-WIDE HEALTH SYSTEM (PWHS), OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LEYTE INTEGRATED HEALTH SYSTEM ORDINANCE"" was posted on the Bulletin Board of the Sangguniang Bayan on December 10, 2025 and other conspicuous places in the Municipality of Calubian, Leyte, and it will remain posted therein for three (3) consecutive weeks.

THIS CERTIFICATION is issued in compliance with ARTICLE 114 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Regulations of Republic Act No. 7160.

ISSUED the 10th day of December, 2025 at the Municipality of Calubian, Leyte.

Very truly yours,


ATTY. KEISHAYNA VINEE V. RAMIREZ
MGDHI (Secretary to the Sanggunian)