



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL
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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL HELD IN THE CITY OF BACOLOD ON THE 8TH DAY OF APRIL 2025

PRESENT:

Hon. Mayvelyn L. Madrid
Hon. Rommel T. Debulgado
Hon. Araceli T. Somosa
Hon. Sixto Teofilo Roxas V. Guanzon, Jr.
Hon. Manuel Frederick O. Ko
Hon. Jose Benito A. Alonso
Hon. Rita Angela S. Gatuslao
Hon. Anthony Dennis J. Occeño
Hon. Jeffrey T. Tubola
Hon. Richard Julius L. Sablan

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Hon. Jeffrey P. Ferrer
Hon. Samson C. Mirhan
Hon. Andrew Gerard L. Montelibano
Hon. Andrew Martin Y. Torres
Hon. Valentino Miguel J. Alonso
Hon. Julius Martin D. Asistio

Vice-Governor
Member - 2nd District
Member - 3rd District
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Member - PCL Rep.

ORDINANCE NO. 005
Series of 2025

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE UTILIZATION OF THE MEDICAL ALLOWANCE UNDER BUDGET CIRCULAR NO. 2024-6 BY THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL FOR GROUP INSURANCE OR GROUP BENEFIT USE

WHEREAS, the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) issued Budget Circular No. 2024-6, which provides for the grant of medical allowance to eligible civilian government personnel, including employees of the Local Government Units (LGUs), to subsidize health maintenance organization (HMO)-type benefits or other health-related expenditures;

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government of Negros Occidental seeks to ensure the optimal utilization of the medical allowance by collectively applying the same for group insurance or group benefit use to provide uniform and equitable health coverage for all eligible employees;

WHEREAS, this approach aligns with the intent of Budget Circular No. 2024-6 and is consistent with the principles of prudent and transparent fiscal management, as emphasized by the DBM;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, empowers local government units to promote the general welfare, including the enhancement of public health and safety;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. Rommel T. Debulgado, unanimously seconded by all the members present,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Negros Occidental in Regular Session, duly assembled that:

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SECTION 1. TITLE. - This Ordinance shall be known as the ***“Medical Allowance Utilization for Group Insurance Ordinance of Negros Occidental”***.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE. - This Ordinance aims to authorize and implement the collective utilization of the medical allowance granted under Budget Circular No. 2024-6 for the procurement of group insurance or other group health-related benefits for the employees of the Provincial Government of Negros Occidental.

SECTION 3. COVERAGE. - This Ordinance shall apply to all eligible employees of the Provincial Government of Negros Occidental who qualify for the medical allowance under Budget Circular No. 2024-6.

SECTION 4. MODE OF UTILIZATION. - The Provincial Government of Negros Occidental shall allocate and utilize the medical allowance granted to eligible employees for the purpose of acquiring group insurance or other collective health benefit packages, including but not limited to:

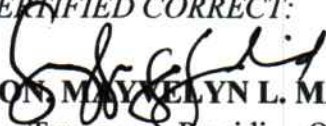
- Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) plans;
- Group life or accident insurance with medical benefits;
- Other health-related coverage as may be deemed appropriate by the Provincial Government.

SECTION 5. FUND MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION. - The Provincial Human Resource Management Office (PHRMO), in coordination with the Provincial Budget Office and the Provincial Legal Office, shall oversee the proper implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVITY. - This Ordinance shall take effect on January 1, 2025 following its approval and compliance with publication requirements as mandated by law.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, April 8, 2025.

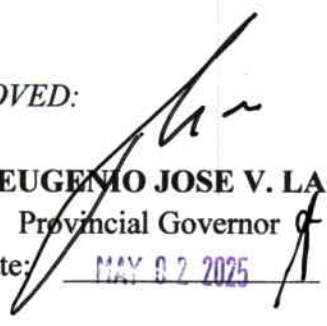
CERTIFIED CORRECT:


HON. MAYKELYN L. MADRID
Temporary Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


ATTY. MAKI-ANGEL O. ASCALON
Provincial Secretary

APPROVED:


HON. EUGENIO JOSE V. LACSON
Provincial Governor
Date: MAY 8 2 2025

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