

**SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD  
GENERAL SANTOS CITY**

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**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 17-396**

Submitted by the **COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SANITATION**

Date of Hearing: OCTOBER 26, 2015

Re: Ordinance on Distribution of Fees

**RECOMMENDING APPROVAL FOR ITEM NO. 1**

**Author:** Hon. Rosalita T. Nuñez, MNSA, PhD; **Principal sponsor:** Hon. Ramon R. Melliza;  
**Co-sponsors:** Hon. Franklin M. Gacal, Jr., Hon. Shandee Theresa O. Llido-Pestaño & Hon. Brix T. Tan

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**MADAM PRESIDENT:**

The Committee on Health and Sanitation, to which was referred the following:

TITLE	RECOMMENDATION
AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE MECHANISM ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF FEES FOR SERVICE PAYMENT DERIVED FROM THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION (PHIC) RENDERED BY THE GENERAL SANTOS CITY HOSPITAL.	<b>APPROVED AS AMENDED; FOR SECOND READING</b>

has considered the same and has the honor to report it back to the August Body with the foregoing recommendation.

Respectfully submitted:

**ROSALITA T. NUÑEZ, MNSA, PHD.**  
City Councilor & Chairperson



**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE HEARING OF THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SANITATION OF THE 17<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF GENERAL SANTOS.**

October 26, 2015, Monday  
9:38 A.M. – 10:58 A.M.

Sangguniang Panlungsod Session Hall, Legislative Building  
City Hall Drive, City Of General Santos

**COUNCILORS PRESENT:** Honorable Rosalita T. Nuñez (Chairperson), Honorable Ramon R. Melliza (Member)

**GUESTS/RESOURCE PERSONS:** *See attached attendance sheet.*

**AGENDUM:**

**AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE MECHANISM ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF FEES FOR SERVICE PAYMENT DERIVED FROM THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION (PHIC) RENDERED BY THE GENERAL SANTOS CITY HOSPITAL.**

The committee hearing was called to order by its chairperson, Councilor Rosalita T. Nuñez, PhD., MNSA, purposely to discuss the foregoing agendum, with the manifestation that Councilor Melliza is coming. Thereafter was a short prayer led by Asst. City Administrator Glennville Gonzalez.

As an overview, Councilor Nuñez informed that upon consultation with Atty. Rosendo Roque, the Secretary to the Sanggunian, it was suggested to come up with a new ordinance and repeal the old ordinances (Ordinance No. 20, series of 2013 and Ordinance No. 24, series of 2014). All important provisions that are still applicable are already included in the proposed new ordinance.

Under Section 1, Definition of Terms, 1.3 Man-Hours Worked, Mr. Lacap wanted to be specific in the definition, in which Mr. Gonzalez suggested to include "***Vacation Leave, Sick Leave, Special Leave and other absences from work are not considered as actual man-hours worked.***"

Considering that currently there are only 4 or 5 PHIC-accredited physicians in the General Santos City Hospital, and to be fair and to encourage all medical doctors to apply for PHIC accreditation, it was decided, as approved by the chair, that the provision "**All physicians not accredited by PHIC shall not be included in the sharing**" be added in Section 1.4 - Medical Personnel, subject to style.

Ms. Marilyn Goyagoy clarified that there are three stages of distribution to medical staff, such as Chief of Hospital, Chief of Clinics and attending physicians who should be PHIC accredited. A 20% incentive is given to the attending physicians on a case management basis. The remaining balance of 40% is equally distributed based on man-hours worked, even for non-PHIC accredited doctors.

As to the concern of Dra. Animas on doctors signing the patients' admission who are referred to a consultant/specialist, Ms. Goyagoy stated that in such case, the 20% will be shared

by the two doctors (attending physician from admission and consultant). This will be stipulated in the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).

Councilor Nuñez informed that included in the ordinance is the crafting of the IRR for the proper guidance and effective management of the funds. Ms. Goyagoy added that manners of distribution and the rules how it will apply, like for example attending physician from admission to discharge of patients, will be stipulated in the IRR.

As pointed out by Mr. Gonzalez, with no offense to any resident doctors on duty, the downside is the professional competency wherein there is a possibility that the patient may already be morbid before he/she will be referred to a consultant/specialist for co-management. In fact, this concern was raised during a meeting with the consultants in which it was feared that if this happens, the mortality rate might increase.

Under the definition of terms, the term **Chief of Hospital** was ruled to be included, who **encompasses all hospital operation**, as well as the **Chief of Clinic**, who is **limited to medical operations**, subject to style. Mr. Gonzalez manifested that the definition of those terms will be culled out from the proposed manual of the hospital and that the committee will be furnished copy of the same with the scope of their work as well as the proposed mandate of the hospital.

Going back to the title of the ordinance, in order that the title will be consistent with the first whereas, Ms. Goyagoy introduced an amendment to insert the word "**professional**" before the word "fees" so that the title will read as "**An Ordinance Setting the Mechanism on the Distribution of Professional Fees for Service Payment Derived from the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PHIC) rendered by the General Santos City Hospital.**" The amendment was approved by the chair.

To be specific, **Section 3.1, letter (d)** was amended by insertion of the phrase "**medical, hospital and office**" before the word "equipment" and to change the phrase "the service rendered" into "**hospital services**".

With the amendment introduced, **Section 3.1 letter (d)** will read as "**Augmentation for operational expenses in the procurement of drugs, medicines, medical supplies and medical, hospital and office equipment to improve and maintain the quality of hospital services.**"

Considering that the doctors are already receiving subsistence allowance, **Section 3.1 letter (e)** was rephrased into "**Funding for in-house trainings, conferences, meetings and honoraria of visiting resource speakers and other related expenses.**" This amendment was approved by the chair.

With the information from Ms. Goyagoy that the Accounting Office had stopped the payment to Mahintana out of the 5% fund, the sentence "**The 5% of patting fund shall not be used for any other expenses except those specifically stipulated as stated in 3.1 a to e**" was added to become **Section 3.1, letter (f)**.

As suggested by Mr. Lacap, Section 2 was provided with a sub-title and Section 3 was incorporated under Section 2. It shall read as "**Section 2. Manner of Distribution. Any fee-for-service received from the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation for professional services rendered by PHIC accredited health care providers shall be made payable to the General Santos City Hospital and shall be received, pooled and distributed accordingly. The manner of distribution of such pooled revenues being accumulated pursuant to Section 2 hereof, shall be distributed as follows:**"

Section 3.1 was amended to become **Section 2.1**. It shall read as: "**The five percent (5%) from the total amount of the aforesaid revenues shall be kept in a separate account of City Hospital and shall be utilized for the following purposes:**"

As moved and duly seconded, the chair ruled to amend Section 3.2 into **Section 2.2** and Section 3.3 to **2.3**.

Section 2.3.a.1 was amended, to read as: "**a.1 The Chief of Hospital and the Chief of Clinics get 2% and 1.5% shares, respectively, on the gross Professional Fees prior to the 40%/60% allocation. Additional incentives not exceeding 20% of the Professional Fee shall be given to attending physicians on a case management basis. The amount shall be deducted from the 40% allocation prior to its distribution.**"

Under Section 3, a sub-title was added, to read as "**Cutoff of Sharing.**"

The number of the following sections was amended, to read as:

- Section **4**. Implementing Rules and Regulations
- Section **5**. Separability Clause
- Section **6**. Repealing Clause
- Section **7**. Effectivity Clause

Thereafter, the Chair being the author of this proposed ordinance ruled for its approval on committee level and to be calendared for second reading on November 3, 2015 regular session with Honorable Ramon Melliza as the principal sponsor and Honorable Franklin Gacal, Jr., Honorable Shandee Llido-Pestaño and Honorable Brix Tan as co-sponsors.

**APPROVED AS AMENDED**  
**FOR SECOND READING**

Thereupon, the chair declared the committee hearing adjourned at 10:58 o'clock in the morning.

**COMMITTEE HEARING - ADJOURNED**

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