

REPUBLIC ACT 11057 Universal Health Care Act

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Objectives of the Law

- a. Progressively realize universal health care in the country through a systemic approach and clear delineation of roles of key agencies and stakeholders towards better performance in the health system
- b. Ensure that all Filipinos are guaranteed equitable access to quality and affordable health care goods and services, and protected against financial risk (Sec.3)

Key Features of the Law

- Financing
- Service Delivery
- Local Health System
- Regulation
- Governance and Accountability

Financing

Membership

- Automatic inclusion of every Filipino into the National Health Insurance Program (Chap. II, Sec.5)
- Simplification of PhilHealth membership into: (1) Direct Contributors and (2) Indirect Contributors (Chap. III, Sec.8)

Financing Source

- Pooling of funds from Sin Tax, PAGCOR, PCSO, premium, DOH annual appropriations, and national government subsidy to DOH and PhilHealth (Chap. IX, Sec.37)
- Population-based health services financed by the DOH (Chap. II, Sec.7(a))
- Individual-based health services financed by PhilHealth (Chap. II, Sec.7(b))

Entitlement to Benefits

- Free of charge at point of service for population-based health services (Chap. II, Sec.7)
- Immediate eligibility for health benefit package under National Health Insurance Program
 - No PhilHealth Identification Card required
 - No co-payment for services in basic/ward accommodation (Chap. III, Sec.9)

Service Delivery

Delivery of Health Services

- Contracting of province-wide and city-wide health systems for population-based health services by the DOH with the following minimum requirements:
 - Primary care provider network
 Epidemiologic surveillance
 - systems
 - Health promotion programs (Chap. IV, Sec.17)
- Contracting of public, private or mix of health care provider networks for individual-based health services by PhilHealth (Chap. IV, Sec.18)

Human Resources for Health

- Implementation of a National Health Human Resource Master Plan to provide appropriate health workforce based on population health needs (Chap. VI, Sec.23)
- National Health Workforce Support System to assist LGUs in human health resource needs (Chap. VI, Sec.24)
- Expansion of existing and new allied and health-related degree and training programs (Chap. VI, Sec.25)
- Return Service Agreement for all allied and health-related governmentfunded scholars for at least three (3) years with compensation (Chap. VI, Sec.26)

Local Health System

- Integration of health systems into province- wide and city-wide health systems (Chap. V, Sec.19)
- Pooling and management of all resources intended for health into a "Special Health Fund" in a provincewide or city-wide health system (Chap. V, Sec.20)

Regulation

- Establishment of performance-based incentive scheme for health facilities (Chap. VII, Sec.27(a))
- Licensing and regulatory system for stand-alone health facilities (Chap. VII, Sec.27(b))
- (Chap. VII, Sec.27(b))
 Formulation of standards for clinical care in cooperation of DOH with professional societies and academe (Chap. VII, Sec.27(c))
- Institutionalization of Health Technology Assessment for development of policies and programs, regulation, and determination of range of entitlements (Chap. VII, Sec.27(c))

Governance and Accountability

- Submission of health and health-related data to PhilHealth as a requirement for all public and private, national and local health related entities (Chap. VIII, Sec.31)
- Health Impact Assessment as requisite for policies, programs and projects (Chap. VIII, Sec.33)
- Health Information System as requisite for all health service providers and insurers (Chap. VIII, Sec.36)