ORDINANCE NO. 08-034

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 01-017, ENTITLED "THE KALINGANG KALUSUGAN COMMISSION" INTO "ALAY SA PANGKALUSUGAN PROGRAM".

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WHEREAS, Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution states that, "the States shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and in still health consciousness among them".

WHEREAS, Section 11, Article XIII of the same Constitution, likewise provides that, "The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all people at affordable cost xxx".

WHEREAS, Section 16, of RA 7160, otherwise known as the local Government Code of 1991 states that, "xxx Local Government Units shall ensure and support, among other things, the preservation and enrichment of culture, promote health and safety xxx".

WHEREAS, Section 17 (b) (2) (iii) of the same code likewise states that, "Subject to the provisions of Title Five, Book I of this Code, health services which include the implementation of programs and projects on primary health care, maternal and child care, and communicable and non-communicable disease control services; access to secondary and tertiary health services; purchase of medicines, medical supplies, and equipment needed to carry out the services herein enumerated;"

WHEREAS, the cost of health services, medical consultation and hospitalization including diagnostic procedures and medicines have been increasing, becoming more prohibitive and unaffordable;
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, AS IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the 5th Sangguniang Panlungsod of Muntinlupa to amend 01-017 and read as follows:

SECTION II. Declaration of Principles and Policies – The 1987 Constitution of the Philippines declaring that the state shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all people at all cost. Priority for the needs of the under-privileged sick, elderly, disabled, women and children shall be recognized. In the pursuit of “Alay Sa Pangkalusugan Program of Muntinlupa”, this ordinance shall adopt the following guiding principles:

a) ALLOCATION OF LOCAL RESOURCES FOR HEALTH – The Program shall underscore the importance and priority, given to health as a strategy of achieving faster economic development and greater productivity, and improving quality of life.

b) EQUALITY – The program shall provide for a uniform, basic quality health care benefits. Access to healthcare must be a function of one’s health needs, rather than his ability to pay.

c) EFFECTIVENESS AND QUALITY OF SERVICE – The Program shall balance maximum and economical use of resources with highest quality of healthcare services by advocating programs of quality assurance at all levels of the health service delivery system.

d) COST SHARING – The program shall provide a cost-sharing scheme based on one’s socio-economic status, to ensure that the costs shared by the beneficiary are fair, equitable and affordable and that the charges by health care providers are reasonable.

e) PHILHEALTH membership is therefore a prerequisite for the availment of the of the Alay Sa Pangkalusugan Card Program.

SECTION III. General Objectives – It is the objective of this Ordinance to provide all bonafide resident of the City of Muntinlupa quality health care services at a very affordable cost by establishing the “Alay Sa Pangkalusugan Program of Muntinlupa and Alay Sa Pangkalusugan Commission”, that will administer the implementation of the program.

SECTION IV. Definition of Terms – For purposes of this ordinance, the following terms shall be defined as:
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a) **Beneficiary** — head of the family who is bonafide resident of and registered voter of the City of Muntinlupa entitled to health care benefits under this Ordinance, including his/her legal dependents. Excluded in the benefits are the City Employees of the City Government of Muntinlupa and their dependents.

b) **Committee** — refers to **Alay Sa Pangkalusugan Commission** assigned to administer the implementation of the program, members of which is determined by this Ordinance.

c) **Dependents** — The legal dependents are:

1. The legitimate spouse;
2. The unmarried and unemployed legitimate, illegitimated; acknowledged children as appearing in the birth certificate, legally adopted or stepchildren below eighteen (18) years of age;
3. Children who are eighteen (18) years of age or above but suffering from congenital disability, either physical or mental or any disability acquired that renders them totally dependent on the member for support;

d) **Diagnostic Procedure** — Any procedure to identify a disease or condition through analysis and laboratory examination.

e) **Emergency** — Unforeseen combination of circumstances which calls for immediate intervention to preserve the life of a person, to preserve the sight of one or both eyes, having one or both ears, or one or two limbs at or above the ankle or wrist.

f) **Health Care Benefits** — refers to medical services which include outpatient consultation, diagnostic procedures and hospitalization within the limits of the coverage of the program.

g) **Health Care Provider** — For the purposes of this program, the term refers to:

1. Ospital ng Muntinlupa
2. Healthcare professionals working at the Ospital ng Muntinlupa.

h) **ASP Green Card** — The document issued by the Commission to the beneficiaries to serve as the instrument for proper identification, socioeconomic classification, eligibility verification and utilization recording

i) **Program** — refers to the **Alay Sa Pangkalusugan Program of Muntinlupa**.
SECTION V. Alay Sa Pangkalusugan Program of Muntinlupa – Alay Sa Pangkalusugan Program is hereby established to provide all bonafide residents of the City of Muntinlupa quality health care services of Ospital ng Muntlupa at very affordable, acceptable, available and accessible means.

SECTION VI. Enrollment and Availment of Benefits – The Program through the Commission shall enroll beneficiaries in order for them to be placed under coverage that entitles them to avail of the benefits. The process of enrollment shall include the identification of beneficiaries and his/her dependents, categorization according to socio-economic status which will be basis of “cost-sharing scheme” to be determined by the Commission, after a thorough process of validation and verification. The enrolment or application of resident who submits false certifications or documents shall be disqualified to enroll as beneficiary.

SECTION VII. ASP Green Card – The program shall issue four (4) color-coded ID Cards categorized according to “cost-sharing scheme” based on the socio-economic status of the beneficiaries:

a) Gold Card** – given to the poorest of the poor, no HMO coverage indigents residents of Muntinlupa, with Family Monthly Income of Seven Thousand Pesos (Php7,000.00) or below availing the One Hundred Percent (100%) LGU subsidy thereby receiving full coverage of medical expenses with total hospital bill amounted to Twenty Five Thousand Pesos (Php25,000.00) or less after PHILHEALTH/SSS/GSIS coverage shall have been deducted. Any amount in excess of the full subsidy shall be borne by the cardholder.

b) Silver Card** – given to residents of Muntinlupa, who are SSS/GSIS/PhilHealth beneficiaries, whose Family Monthly Income is more than Seven Thousand Pesos (Php7,000.00); but less than Thirteen Thousand Pesos (Php13,000.00) per month; could avail of Seventy-Five Percent (75%) LGU subsidy, thereby sharing Twenty-Five Percent (25%) of the remaining total cost of health care services availed of; after PhilHealth/SSS/GSIS coverage shall have been deducted.

c) Bronze Card** – given to resident of Muntinlupa, who are SSS/GSIS/PhilHealth covered with Family Monthly Income of more than Thirteen Thousand Pesos (Php13,000.00); availing Fifty Percent (50%) of LGU subsidy, thereby sharing Fifty Percent (50%) of the remaining total cost health care services availed of after PhilHealth/SSS/GSIS coverage shall have been deducted.
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d) Emerald Card** – given to our residents belonging to upper socio-
economic status who could avail of Twenty-Five Percent (25%) LGU
Subsidy, thereby sharing Seventy Five percent (75%) of the remaining
total cost health care services availed of. After
PHILHEALTH/SSS/GSIS coverage shall have been deducted.

**The subsidy is Twenty Five Thousand Pesos (Php25,000), the
aforementioned cost sharing applies to incurred total health care cost
P25,000.00 or less. Bills going beyond Php25,000.03 shall be dealt
with according to the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).

e) Out-Patient Muntinlupa Resident – given a Ten Percent (10%)
Discount on all Out-Patient Services provided by the hospital upon
presentation of any Valid ASP Green Card.

SECTION VIII. Health Care benefits of the Program – Subject to the
limitations specified by this ordinance as may be determined by the Commission,
the following level of health care services shall be made available to beneficiaries
and their dependents as medically warranted and appropriate, includes the
following:

a) In – patient Hospital care:
   1. Room and board/ward accommodation only;
   2. Professional fee;
   3. Diagnostic, laboratory and other medical examination;
   4. Use of surgical and medical equipment and facilities;
   5. Medical supplies and medicines available at the hospital;

b) Out – patient tertiary care:
   1. Services of health care professional
   2. Diagnostic, laboratory and other medical examination
      services as per doctor’s advice
   3. Generic medicines available at the Osipal ng Muntinlupa
      Pharmacy

SECTION IX. The Alay Sa Pangkalusugan Program Commission.

A. The Commission shall be composed of the following:

   1. The City Mayor – Chairman
   2. Chairman Committee on Health and Sanitation of Sangguniang
      Panlungsod
   3. City Health Officer
   4. Two representative of Osipal ng Muntinlupa
5. A representative from the department of Social Welfare and Development

Each beneficiary and his/her dependents shall be entitled to a maximum amount of Twenty Five Thousand Pesos (Php25,000.00) LGU Subsidy share for one year.

Under no circumstances, however shall a beneficiary and his/her dependents be refused or deprived of health care services available except for the unavailability of bedroom accommodations/services at the time they are needed by the beneficiary and that waiting for opportunity/availability of the aforesaid shall cause delay in treatment that shall further endanger the life of the beneficiary.

B. The Commission shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

1. To enroll bonafide residents who are registered voters and their dependents as beneficiaries entitled to avail of the benefits under this Ordinance.

2. To categorize said beneficiaries according to their socio-economic status which will be the basis of the “cost-sharing scheme” and to validate and verify the list of beneficiaries and their dependents from time to time.

3. To formulate the implementing rules and guidelines in the management and implementatons of Alay Sa Pangkalusugan Program of Muntinlupa.

4. To ensure that the health care benefits shall be made available to the beneficiaries and his/her dependents, within the limits of the program and the capacity of the health care provider (Ospital ng Muntinlupa).

5. To enter into a contract or agreement under terms and conditions deemed necessary for the efficient and effective implementation of the Program.

6. To coordinate with the different government agency for the improvement and development of health care and delivery system.

7. To institute measures and safety mechanisms to prevent the abuse of the availment and utilization of the program.
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8. To serve as the hearing committee for dispute in the claims and benefits.

9. To determine the qualifications of the residents of Muntinlupa to be issued with the ASP Green Card under Section VII hereof, and shall be included in the Implementing Rules and Regulations.

SECTION X. Accredited Health Care Providers – For purpose of this ASP Green Card Program herein instituted the Ospital ng Muntinlupa and Health Center will serve as the only Health Care Provider of the aforesaid program.

SECTION XI. Payment of Health Care Benefits – The payment of health care services rendered shall be done by the City Treasurer directly to the Ospital ng Muntinlupa after the latter shall have prepared all the required and necessary authenticated documents for the payment of claims. No payments, reimbursement shall be made for health services rendered outside Ospital ng Muntinlupa.

SECTION XII. Limitation of Payment of Healthcare Benefits – The payment of health benefits may be reduced or withheld if the information given is falsified, subject to the final evaluation of the Commission.

SECTION XIII. Healthcare Benefits not Included under the Program shall be:

1. Cosmetic Surgery
2. Induced Abortion
3. Drug overdoses of prohibited substances and self-inflicted wounds while under the influence of prohibited substances.
4. Self-inflicted wounds while under the heavy influence of alcohol.
5. Other benefits which the Commission may exclude in the future under this program.

SECTION XIV. Appropriation – An initial amount of Thirty Million Pesos (Php30,000,000.00) shall be appropriate for the implementation of the Program starting calendar year 2008. This Budgetary allocation may be increased thereafter from year to year subject to the rules and regulations of the Commission on Audit (COA).

SECTION XV. Implementing Rules and Regulations – The Alay Sa Pangkalusugan Committee shall formulate the Implementing Rules and Regulations within 30 days after the approval of this Ordinance, which shall be subject to the approval of Sangguniang Panlungsod.
SECTION XVI. Transitory Clause – The present "Kalingang Kalusugan Commission" is now abolished and renamed as "Alay Sa Pangkalusugan Committee". However, the present members will continue to assume office until new appointments shall have been approved.

SECTION XVII. Separability Clause – If for any reason, any part/s or provision/s of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION XVIII. Repealing Clause – All ordinances or part/s thereof which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION XIX. Effectivity Clause – This Ordinance shall take effect after it has been published in a newspaper of general circulation or posted in conspicuous places within the City.

ENACTED, by the 5th Sangguniang Panlungsod of Muntinlupa this 26 day of February 2008, on its 10th Special Session.

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