



Republic of the Philippines
Mountain Province
Municipality of Bontoc
OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXTRACT FROM THE JOURNAL-MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
SANGGUNIANG BAYAN, BONTOC, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE, HELD AT THE DAY CARE
CENTER, BARANGAY GUINA-ANG, BONTOC ON NOVEMBER 26, 2018

PRESENT: HON. VIOLA P. OKKO, Acting Vice Mayor, Presiding Officer
HON. ALEXANDRE C. CLAVER, Member
HON. JULIAN F. CHUMACOG, Member
HON. ROSE C. FARNICAN, Member
HON. ALSANNYSTER F. PATINGAN, Member
HON. ROBERT B. DACYON, Member
HON. ALFREDO A. AWICHEN, Member
HON. ESTEBAN O. NGUDDO, Member
HON. THOMAS F. LONGATAN, IPRM, Member
HON. ALEXANDER N. FANA-ANG, ABC President, Member
HON. SHERWIN S. CHAMKAS, SK Federation President, Member

ABSENT: NONE

ORDINANCE NO.. 310, S. 2018
(SPONSOR: HON. ALSANNYSTER PATINGAN)

AN ORDINANCE MANDATING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF BONTOC, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE TO SUBSIDIZE THE COST OF NEW BORN SCREENING ADMINISTERED ON INFANTS BORN OUTSIDE THE HOSPITALS BUT WITHIN ITS TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION.

Whereas, Republic Act 9288, otherwise known as the "NEWBORN SCREENING ACT OF 2004" mandates the conduct of Newborn Screening on infants, as much as possible, within a few days upon delivery, all for the purpose of early detection and possible treatment of congenital abnormalities, deficiencies or such other maladies at the earliest possible time;

Whereas, this Local Government Unit adheres to said program and its noble intent and hereto declares its policy of full implementation of said program;

Whereas, it is an observed fact that while hospital delivery of newborns are highly encouraged for purposes of availability of medical facilities sufficient for delivery purposes, home deliveries and deliveries in barangay birthing clinics still occur, particularly in far-flung barangays mostly due to the fact that they have limited means to travel to the hospital days in advance to prepare for hospital delivery.

Whereas, compared to hospital deliveries where Newborn Screening can be made immediately available, home delivered newborns or those delivered at the barangay birthing clinics are not brought to the Hospitals for the conduct of the newborn screening, mostly on the same reasons as above-stated and likewise with the additional burden of shouldering the costs for the conduct of the said Newborn Screening;

Whereas, while the failure to bring the Newborn to the Hospitals for screening had been amply remedied by the directive that employees of the Municipal Health Office shall be the ones to proceed to the residence of the newly delivered infant to

conduct the test, the additional burden of shouldering the costs for the conduct of said screening makes it difficult to convince the parents of said newly delivered infant to agree to the screening on reason of poverty and no means to shoulder the cost;

Whereas, and so as not to deny the conduct of Newborn Screening on these infants born under these circumstances, this Body hereto enacts this instrument subsidizing the cost of the conduct of Newborn Screening on home-delivered newborns or those delivered through this Municipality's Barangay birthing clinics;

WHEREFORE AND UNDER THE FOREGOING, this Body now decrees the following-

SECTION 1. DECLARATION OF POLICY- through this Ordinance, it is hereto made known this Municipality's Policies-

a. To fully support the implementation of Republic Act No. 9488 or the "NEWBORN SCREENING ACT OF 2004", with preference to its implementation in its expanded and more comprehensive form over the traditional/usual form;

b. To make Newborn Screening available to all particularly those residing in far-flung barangays who could not make it to the hospital for deliveries, and those who are financially unable to shoulder the costs of said Newborn Screening; and

c. All for the intent of sparing the children of this Municipality from congenital medical abnormalities/deficiencies/maladies which could have been otherwise treated had such conditions been detected at the earliest possible time.

SECTION 2. GRANT OF SUBSIDY AND SCOPE- The cost for the conduct of Newborn Screening on home delivered newborns or those delivered in the different Birthing clinics in this Municipality are hereto formally declared as subsidized by this Municipality. Said expenses shall be charged against the appropriate funds to be provided for in the Municipal Budget.

SECTION 3. FUNDING- The Local Chief Executive shall ensure the appropriation of the amount of SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (PHP 75,000.00) in the Annual Budget of this Municipality for purposes of this subsidy.

SECTION 4. SPECIAL FUNDING PROVISION- In as much as the Annual Budget of this Municipality had already been finalized and approved prior to the expected enactment of this Ordinance. The initial funding for the year 2019 shall be sourced out from the Legislative programs of the office of the Vice Mayor subject to replenishment later on through a supplemental budget to the same amount to ensure immediate availability of funds upon its expected date of effectivity on 01 January 2019. Thereafter and for the succeeding years, funding shall be provided in accordance with Section 3 hereof.

SECTION 5. ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION- For smooth implementation of this Ordinance, the Office of the Municipal Accountant shall immediately coordinate with the Municipal Health Office and the Municipal Mayor and such other office as may be deemed necessary to determine the appropriate supporting documents needed for the allowance of the granted subsidy, with the end in view of avoiding possible scenarios for disallowances.

SECTION 6. SEPARABILITY- Should there be voiding or finding of illegality on some provisions of this ordinance, those not so declared void/illegal shall subsist and continue to be in force and effect .

SECTION 7. REPEALING CLAUSE- All prior Ordinances, Resolutions, Executive Orders, Memorandum Orders, Office Orders, etc., of this Municipality which do not conform to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereto repealed and rendered of no force and effect.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY- This Ordinance shall take effect on 01 January 2019, or upon approval on review by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, should the latter occur after 01 January 2019.

APPROVED this 26th day of November, 2018 at Bontoc, Mountain Province.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT AND DULY ADOPTED:

VIOLA O. OKKO

Acting Vice Mayor and Presiding Officer

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ATTESTED:

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JO ANN C. SAGANDOY
Acting Secretary for the day

APPROVED:

EUSEBIO S. KABLUYEN
Acting Municipal Mayor