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1st ENDORSEMENT
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Respectfully endorsing to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan the herein MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE No. 2025-26, **“AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE (UHC) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PAVIA, PROVIDING FOR THE STABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY-BASED HEALTH SERVICES INCLUDING TELECONSULTATION AND A LOCAL HEALTH REFERRAL SYSTEM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”**, for information and appropriate action.

Gynnyng G. Gumban
GYNNYNG G. GUMBAN
Secretary to the SB

CC: **HON. LAURENCE ANTHONY G. GORRICETA**
Municipal Mayor

HON. EDESEL G. GEROCHI AND
SANGGUNIANG BAYAN MEMBERS

DILG AND OTHER OFFICES CONCERNED

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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN HELD ON DECEMBER 9, 2025 AT 9:00 A M. IN THE SESSION HALL, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, PAVIA, ILOILO.

PRESENT

- 1. Hon. Edsel G. Gerochi - Municipal Vice-Mayor
- Presiding Officer
2. Hon. Leonardo L. Belasa - Municipal Councilor
3. Hon. Joshua Philippe B. Gumban - -do-
4. Hon. Jo Jan Paul J. Peñol - -do-
5. Hon. Ariel B. Gerada - -do-
6. Hon. Daniel S. Fajardo, II - -do-
7. Hon. Kervin Matthew G. Zaldarriaga - -do-
8. Hon. Joe Fritz C. Collado - -do-
9. Hon. Rhia B. Sotomil - -do-
10. Hon. Ludovico S. Alfaro - President, Liga ng mga Barangay
Ex- Officio Member
11. Hon. Gerard Peter G. Zaldarriaga - SK Municipal Federation President
Ex-Officio Member

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2025-26

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE (UHC) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PAVIA, PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY-BASED HEALTH SERVICES INCLUDING TELECONSULTATION AND A LOCAL HEALTH REFERRAL SYSTEM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11223, otherwise known as the "Universal Health Care Act," mandates that all Filipinos are automatically enrolled in the National Health Insurance Program (NHIP) and are entitled to equitable access to quality and affordable health care goods and services;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Code of 1991 (Republic Act No. 7160) empowers municipalities to promote the general welfare of their inhabitants, including the establishment and maintenance of health services;

WHEREAS, the effective implementation of Universal Health Care (UHC) requires coordination among barangay health stations, municipal health offices, hospitals, and both public and private health care providers;

WHEREAS, there is a need to institutionalize a local framework for integrating primary care services, referral systems, and partnerships to ensure continuous, accessible, and quality health care delivery at all levels;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of Pavia, Iloilo, in session duly assembled, that:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as the *“Universal Health Care (UHC) Local Implementation Ordinance of Pavia, Iloilo.”*

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY

It is hereby declared the policy of the Municipality of Pavia, Iloilo to ensure that all residents have access to quality, equitable, and affordable health care services through the integration of barangay health services, effective health referral systems, and strengthened public-private partnerships.

SECTION 3. OBJECTIVES

This Ordinance aims to:

1. Localize the implementation of the Universal Health Care Act;
2. Strengthen the integration of Barangay Health Stations (BHS) into the municipal health system;
3. Establish a functional referral system among local health facilities and hospitals;
4. Encourage collaboration between public and private health care providers; and
5. Promote preventive, curative, rehabilitative, and palliative health care services.

SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS

For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms are hereby defined as follows:

a. Universal Health Care (UHC) refers to the guarantee that all Filipinos are able to access a comprehensive set of quality and affordable health services without financial hardship, at every stage of life.

b. Primary Health Care (PHC) refers to a whole-of-society approach to health that provides essential health services at the first point of contact and coordinates patient care across all levels of the health system.

c. Teleconsultation refers to the delivery of health care services where patients and health care providers communicate and consult through telephone, video calls, or other electronic means, particularly when in-person consultation is not feasible.

d. Local Health Referral System (LHRS) refers to an organized network that ensures the appropriate, timely, and efficient transfer of patients, health information, and services between different levels of health care (barangay, municipal, provincial, and tertiary facilities).

e. Municipal Health Office (MHO) refers to the office responsible for managing and implementing all health programs, projects, and services within the municipality.

f. Barangay Health Station (BHS) refers to the primary health facility in the barangay providing basic preventive and curative health services, and serving as the first contact of patients to the health system.

g. Health Care Provider Network (HCPN) refers to a group of primary to tertiary health care providers within a province or city that ensures the continuous and coordinated delivery of health services.

SECTION 5. INTEGRATED HEALTH SERVICE DELIVERY NETWORK (IHSDN).

An Integrated Health Service Delivery Network (IHSDN) shall be established in the Municipality of Pavia, composed of:

- The Municipal Health Office (MHO);
- All Barangay Health Stations (BHS) and Barangay Health Workers (BHWs);
- Government and private hospitals operating within the municipality;
and
- Accredited private clinics, pharmacies, and laboratories that may enter into partnership agreements with the LGU.

SECTION 6. HEALTH REFERRAL SYSTEM

A referral system shall be institutionalized to ensure continuity of care, guided by the following:

1. All BHS shall serve as the first point of contact for primary care;
2. Patients requiring higher-level services shall be referred to the Municipal Health Office or designated referral hospitals;
3. Standardized referral forms and reporting protocols shall be used across all facilities;
4. Feedback mechanisms shall be maintained to ensure proper case monitoring and follow-up.

SECTION 7. ESTABLISHMENT OF TELECONSULTATION SERVICES

There is hereby established a teleconsultation services to which:

- I. The municipality shall establish a Municipal Teleconsultation Program (MTP) under the supervision of the Municipal Health Officer (MHO);
- II. The MTP shall provide remote medical consultations, advice, and follow-up care using secure digital platforms;
- III. Each Barangay Health Station (BHS) shall serve as a Telehealth Access Point, equipped with devices and internet connectivity to facilitate patient-doctor communication;
- IV. The MHO shall ensure that teleconsultation complies with Republic Act (RA) No. 10173 or the Data Privacy Act of 2012 to protect patient confidentiality; and
- V. Partnerships with accredited physicians, hospitals, and DOH recognized telemedicine providers shall be encouraged.

SECTION 8. PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS (PPP) IN HEALTH CARE

The municipal government shall encourage public-private partner shops to:

1. Enhance health service delivery, particularly in under-served areas;
2. Support infrastructure development such as clinics, diagnostic centers, and laboratories;
3. Facilitate capacity-building programs for health personnel's; and
4. Expand access to medicines and essential health supplies.

Partnerships shall be governed by existing national laws and guidelines on PPP arrangements, subject to approval by the Sangguniang Bayan.

SECTION 9. FUNDING SOURCE

Funds for the implementation of this ordinance shall be sourced from:

- a. The Municipal Health Fund;
- b. The Local Development Fund (LDF);
- c. National government subsidies and Department of Health (DOH) programs;
- d. Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) reimbursements; and
- e. Grants, donations, or PPP agreements duly approved by the Local Chief Executive and the Sangguniang Bayan.

SECTION 10. IMPLEMENTING MECHANISMS

Mechanisms for implementation of this ordinance are:

- The Municipal Health Board (MHB) shall serve as the oversight body for the implementation of this ordinance;
- The Board shall formulate implementing rules and guidelines within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this ordinance;
- Barangay officials and Health workers shall undergo regular training and capacity building on Universal Health Care (UHC) delivery and referral protocols.

SECTION 11. MONITORING AND EVALUATION

The Municipal Health Office (MHO) shall conduct quarterly evaluations on:

- ❖ Service delivery efficiency;
- ❖ Referral compliance;
- ❖ Health outcomes and indicators; and
- ❖ PPP performance and accountability.

Reports shall be submitted to the Sangguniang Bayan and the Municipal Mayor.

SECTION 12. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

If any provision or section of this ordinance or the application of such provision or section to any person or circumstances is found invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts of this ordinance or the application of such provision or section to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected and remains valid and effective.

SECTION 13. REPEALING CLAUSE

All ordinance, rules and regulations, or part thereof, in conflict with, or inconsistent with any provisions of this ordinance, shall be considered repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 14. EFFECTIVITY


This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its approval, posting in at least three (3) conspicuous public places within the Municipality of Pavia, Iloilo and following its publication in a newspaper of local circulation.

BE IT ORDAINED FURTHER, to furnish copies of this Ordinance to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Iloilo for review, DILG, and other concerned agencies for information and appropriate action.


ENACTED this 9th day of December, 2025, in the Municipality of Pavia, Province of Iloilo.

Approved.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness
of the above-quoted ordinance:


GYNNYN G. GUMBAN
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan
12/9/25

ATTESTED BY:


HON. EDSSEL G. GEROCHI
Municipal Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer
12/10/25

APPROVED:


HON. LAURENCE ANTHONY G. GORRICETA
Municipal Mayor
Date Signed 12/12/25