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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 21-018
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AN ORDER INSTITUTIONALIZING THE TELEMEDICINE PROGRAMS OF THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE WHICH SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE "TAWAG MEDIKAL PROGRAM"

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, one of the negative impacts of COVID-19 pandemic is to limit the mobility of people to prevent and control the spread of said deadly virus, thereby relatively depriving our constituents to physically access health care services because of the fear that they may be tagged as Suspect, Probable and Confirmed cases of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on 07 September 2020 the undersigned issued **Executive Order (EO) No. 20-035, s. 2020** to effectively and efficiently deliver public services, especially health related services, to our constituents. Said EO is also known as "**An Order For The Strengthening of e-Governance Systems for the Delivery of Government Services and Boosting of Local Economic Enterprise in the Province of Surigao Del Norte to Effectively and Efficiently Prepare for a "Digital New Normal" in Relation to the "Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act" Amid Covid-19 Pandemic.**"

WHEREAS, Section 4 of the aforementioned EO No. 20-035 provides for the institutionalization of the telemedicine programs of this Provincial Government such as but not limited to virtual consultation of OPD patients under Tawag Konsulta Program, virtual management of certain patients and virtual transfer of skills and knowledge;

WHEREAS, to ensure efficient delivery of health services to the people of Surigao del Norte amid COVID-19 pandemic there is now an urgent need to institutionalize the telemedicine programs of this Provincial Government, which shall be known as "Tawag Medikal Program" for the best interest of public service especially during this time of COVID-19 pandemic.

NOW THEREFORE, I, ATTY. FRANCISCO T. MATUGAS, Provincial Governor, this Province, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order as follows:

Section 1. Creation of Provincial Task Force. To effectively and efficiently facilitate the implementation of "Tawag Medikal Program" the Provincial Task Force for Tawag Medikal Program (PTF-TMP) is hereby created which shall be composed of the following:

Chairman : ATTY. ZANDER J. PLAZA, CPA/PEEDMO
Chief of Staff, PGO/OIC-PEEDMO

Co-chairpersons : MA. MYRLA S. PADAYHAG, CPA/Provincial Budget Office
OIC-Provincial Budget Office

- Members : 1. Provincial Accounting Office;
2. Provincial Treasurer's Office; and
3. Provincial General Services Office

Section 2. Duties and Functions of PTF-TMP. The PTF-TMP shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- a.) Facilitate the immediate implementation of Tawag Medikal Program to specifically address health needs of the people of Surigao del Norte amid COVID-19 pandemic;
- b.) Upon recommendation of the Tawag Medical Technical Team (mentioned in Section 3 of this Order), shall facilitate the immediate procurement of necessary drugs, medicines and medical supplies to be given to qualified individuals;
- c.) Upon recommendation of the Tawag Medical Technical Team, shall determine and recommend to the undersigned, who are those personnel of this Provincial Government that will be assigned to effectively and efficiently implement this Order; and
- d.) Do such other duties and responsibilities necessary for the effective and efficient implementation of this order.

Section 3. Creation of Tawag Medical Technical Team. To ensure the success of this program, the Tawag Medikal Technical Team (TMTT) is hereby created which shall be composed of the following:

- Chairman : DR. ARLENE T. FELIZARTA
Assistant Provincial Administrator (APA) for Health and Hospital Concerns
- Co-chairpersons : DR. MANOLITO C. GO
President, Surigao del Norte Medical Society
- DR. ROY N. YCONG
Surigao Health Specialists Inc.
- Members : 1. All participating medical health specialists and medical doctors from government and private sectors;
2. Surigao del Norte Provincial Hospital; and
3. All District Hospitals and Polyclinics owned and/or controlled by Provincial Government of Surigao de Norte

Section 4. Role of TMTT. The TMTT shall have the following roles:

- a.) Formulate mechanics to effectively and efficiently implement Tawag Medikal Program;
- b.) Recommend to PTF-TMP what are the necessary drugs, medicines and/or medical supplies that will be procured based on the need of the Tawag Medikal Program beneficiaries;
- c.) Recommend to PTF-TMP, who are those personnel of this Provincial Government that will be assigned to effectively and efficiently implement this Order; and

d.) Do such other duties and responsibilities necessary for the effective and efficient implementation of this order.

Section 5. Funding and Charges. All expenses to be incurred in the implementation of the Tawag Medikal Program shall be initially charged at any available and relevant appropriations of this Provincial Government, and any services that may be rendered shall be billed against the medical assistance program funds downloaded to this Province and/or the local medical assistance program funds of this Province so that income from local economic enterprise may be increased to fund the salaries, wages and other employee benefits of the medical and nonmedical health personnel assigned and/or charged at the Surigao del Norte Provincial Hospital.

Section 6. Separability Clause. In the event that any provision of this order or any part thereof is declared invalid, illegal or unconstitutional, the provisions not hereby affected shall remain in force and effect.

Section 7. Repealing Clause. All other orders, rules and regulations, other issuances or part thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 8. Effectivity. This order shall take effect immediately. This order may also be supplemented by the succeeding memoranda that shall be issued by the undersigned in order to address whatever developments that may happen thereafter.

Done this 29th day of April 2021 at Kapitolyo Nan Siargao, Dapa, Surigao del Norte, Philippines.



ATTY. FRANCISCO T. MATUGAS
Provincial Governor