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Councilor Marietta R. Pajila	- Member
Councilor David D. De La Cruz	- Member
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Councilor Robert A. Baticos	- Member
Councilor Hermis S. Catapang	- President, Liga ng Barangay
Councilor Sheikinah Grace C. Sanz	- Member, MSKF President

Absent:

NONE

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 12
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AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATIONALIZATION OF THE MUNICIPAL HEALTH SYSTEM (MHS) AS AN INTEGRAL COMPONENT OF THE PROVINCE-WIDE HEALTH SYSTEM (PWHS) OF ORIENTAL MINDORO, ADOPTING THE MANAGEMENT SUPPORT SYSTEMS THEREOF, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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WHEREAS, Provincial Ordinance No. 181-2024 institutionalizes the Province-Wide Health System (PWHS) of Oriental Mindoro in order to achieve the objectives of the Universal Health Care (UHC) Act (R.A. No. 11223);

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WHEREAS, Section 13 of Provincial Ordinance No. 181-2024 recognizes the Municipal Government as the primary member of the PWHS, with responsibility for the planning, implementation, management, and financing of the Municipal Health System;

WHEREAS, the Municipal Government is committed to the managerial, technological, and financial integration required to offer fair access to quality health care and financial protection for all its citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Roxas, Oriental Mindoro, in a session properly assembled, HEREBY ORDAINS the following:

ARTICLE I
GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be known as the **"Municipal Health System (MHS) Integration, and Operationalization Ordinance of the Municipality of Roxas, Oriental Mindoro."**

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. It is the policy of the Municipal Government to protect and promote the right to health of its constituents by:

1. Adopting an integrated approach to health development through full compliance and active participation in the Province-Wide Health System (PWHS);
2. Providing equitable access to a comprehensive range of quality preventive, promotive, curative, rehabilitative, and palliative health care without inflicting financial hardship for all residents of the Municipality;
3. Maintaining Primary Health Care (PHC) as the foundation of the local health-care system through effective multi-sectoral activity and people-centered integration.

SECTION 3. Objectives. This Ordinance aims to:

1. Establish the definitive organizational structure of the Municipal Health System (MHS);
2. Guarantee the seamless integration and coordinated delivery of health services between the Municipal facilities and the higher-level facilities of the PWHS;
3. Formally adopt and commit resources to the implementation of the PWHS's core Management Support Systems;
4. Ensure local financial sustainability and accountability for health resources, including the Special Health Fund (SHF).

ARTICLE II
ORGANIZATION OF THE MUNICIPAL HEALTH SYSTEM (MHS)

SECTION 4. Composition of the Municipal Health System (MHS). The MHS shall be composed of the following public health facilities and offices, serving as the foundation of the Primary Care Provider Network (PCPN) within the Municipality:

1. The Municipal Health Office (MHO);
2. The Rural Health Unit(s) (RHU/s) and/or Health Center(s) (HC/s);
3. The Barangay Health Station(s) (BHS/s);
4. Any Municipal-owned Infirmary or Municipal Hospital;
5. Any Super Health Center located within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality.

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4.1. Minimum Service Capability of Primary Care Facilities. All Rural Health Units (RHUs) and the Super Health Center (SHC) within the MHS shall provide a comprehensive range of primary care services, including but not limited to:

- Dental Services: Oral examinations, preventive care, and basic emergency dental procedures.
- Pharmacy Services: Provision and dispensing of essential medicines along with professional consultations.
- Clinical Laboratory Services: Conduct of essential diagnostic tests, including hematology, microscopy, and clinical chemistry, to support primary care diagnosis.
- Basic Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (BEmONC): The facility (specifically the Super Health Center or designated RHU) shall be capable of performing the seven (7) signal functions for maternal and newborn emergencies, including parenteral administration of medicines and assisted delivery.

SECTION 5. Primary Care Provider Network (PCPN) Role. The MHS, through the RHUs and BHS, shall operate as the primary point of contact and navigator for all registered constituents, coordinating two-way referrals and ensuring patient records are available throughout the PWHS.

ARTICLE III
GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

SECTION 6. Municipal Health Board (MHB).

6.1. The Municipal Health Board (MHB), as constituted under the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A. 7160), shall function as the steward of the Municipal Health System and shall ensure the effective implementation of this Ordinance.

6.2. The MHB shall be responsible for ensuring the Municipal Health Plan and Annual Operational Plan (AOP) are consistent and aligned with the Local Investment Plan for Health (LIPH) and the overall strategic direction set by the Provincial Health Board (PHB).

SECTION 7. Adoption of Management Support Systems (MSS). The Municipal Government hereby adopts and commits to the full implementation of the following Management Support Systems/Mechanisms, as required by Section 7 of Provincial Ordinance No. 181-2024:

1. **Local Investment Plan for Health (LIPH):** Develop the Annual Operational Plan (AOP) that directly supports the PWHS LIPH;
2. **Human Resources for Health Management and Development (HRHMD) System:** Implement the harmonized PWHS HRH Plan and contribute to the updated National Health Workforce Registry (NWHR);
3. **Information Management System (IMS):** Implement and maintain a functional Electronic Medical Record (EMR) system that is interoperable and links the MHS to secondary and tertiary care providers of the PWHS;
4. **Epidemiology and Surveillance System (ESS):** Fully operationalize the Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (ESU) within the MHO and comply with the PHB-approved technical guidelines;
5. **Supply Chain Management System (SCMS):** Participate in the harmonized PWHS supply chain/logistics management system and ensure the consistent availability of pharmaceuticals, laboratory reagents, and dental supplies; and ensure the presence of trained personnel for inventory management.

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6. **Patient Navigation and Referral System (PNRS):** Fully implement the PHB-approved technical guidelines for the referral system, including the directory of facilities, inter-facility communication, and medical transportation guidelines;

7. **Disaster Risk Reduction and Management in Health (DRRM-H) System:** Organize and maintain a Health Emergency Response Team (HERT) and a unified, tested DRRM-H Plan consistent with the PWHS DRRM-H System;

8. **Health Promotion Programs and Campaigns (HPPC):** Designate a Health Education and Promotion Officer (HEPO) within the MHO and ensure Barangay Health Workers (BHWs) act as on-the-ground health promotion officers to implement population-wide health promotion programs.

ARTICLE IV
ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

SECTION 8. Roles and Responsibilities. The Municipal Government, as a member of the Province-Wide Health System, shall be responsible for the following, consistent with Section 13 of Provincial Ordinance No. 181-2024:

1. *Adherence to Agreements:* Strictly observe the terms and conditions stipulated in the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) regarding the operationalization of the PWHS;
2. *Health Planning:* Formulate and implement the Municipal Health Plan (MHP) and its corresponding Annual Operational Plan (AOP), guided by the provincial/sub-provincial health plan and local health situation;
3. *Program Implementation:* Implement programs and projects of the integrated health plan that apply to the Municipality;
4. *Regulatory Compliance:* Implement the regulatory measures formulated at the national and provincial level, and propose and implement whatever other needed regulatory measures for the Municipality;
5. *Facility Management and Finance:* Manage and finance the Municipal Health Office, Rural Health Centers, and Barangay Health Stations (BHS), including those owned by the Municipality, to meet the licensing and accreditation requirements of the Department of Health (DOH) and Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth); and to construct, repair, or renovate such facilities as necessary;
6. *Constituent Registration:* Ensure the registration of all PWHS constituents (including indigents) to Primary Care Providers within the Municipality;
7. *Multi-sectoral Coordination:* Promote coordination among health-related sectors in activities for health promotion and protection at the municipal level, including the private sector and non-government organizations;
8. *Access and Referral Infrastructure:* Improve and maintain the road network to facilitate access/referral to and from the BHS, RHU, and the core referral hospital, and when necessary, provide existing transport and communication facilities.

SECTION 9. Licensing and Accreditation of Ancillary Services

To guarantee the quality and safety of health services, the Municipal Government shall ensure that all Primary Care Facilities (PCFs) comply with the following standards for their additional service capabilities.

ARTICLE V
FINANCIAL MECHANISM AND SUSTAINABILITY

SECTION 10. Financial Sustainability. To ensure financial sustainability, the Municipal Government shall adhere to the following:

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1. **Mandatory Counterpart Funding:** Allocate the necessary mandatory counterpart funding to finance health programs, projects, and activities based on the approved LIPH and corresponding AOP, including personnel services, capital outlay, and maintenance and operating expenses for health facilities and services, which shall be served as an augmentation fund for health expenditures;

2. **Special Health Fund (SHF) Sub-Ledger:** In compliance with Section 14.4 of Provincial Ordinance No. 181-2024, the Municipal Government shall create and maintain a sub-ledger within its Trust Fund Account for Health to track all funds that are allocated or transferred from the PWHS Special Health Fund (SHF);

3. **Utilization of SHF:** Funds pooled into the SHF sub-ledger shall be deemed automatically appropriated for programs, projects, and activities on health pursuant to the allowable expenses chargeable against the SHF, and based on the approved work and financial plans of the PWHS.

ARTICLE VI
FINAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 11. Separability Clause. If any part or provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 12. Repealing Clause. All municipal resolutions, ordinances, and administrative orders or parts thereof that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 13. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, and immediately upon approval by the Sangguniang Bayan and compliance with the requirements on publication or posting.

On motion of Councilor Michael O. Pongyan duly seconded by all this Ordinance is hereby ENACTED.

Adopted: 09 February 2026

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

FERDINAND V. TALENS, MPA
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

ATTESTED:

ROBERT S. QUIATCHON
Municipal Vice Mayor

APPROVED:

JERWIN S. DIMAPILIS
Municipal Mayor
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