

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

MINUTES OF THE 51TH REGULAR MEETING OF THE 8TH SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF ABRA HELD AT THE PROVINCIAL CAPITOL SESSION HALL ON MAY 4, 2015 AT 10:18 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING.

PRESENT:

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Vice Governor/Presiding Officer

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ABSENT:

HON. ANA MARIE A. BERSAMIN
PCL Fed. Pres. Ex-Officio Member

HON. MA. SYLVIA V. GO
ABC Fed. Pres. Ex-Officio Member

ORDINANCE NO. 231
Series of 2015

AN ORDINANCE TO ENHANCE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EXPANDED NEWBORN SCREENING PROGRAM IN THE PROVINCE OF ABRA, PROVIDE APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

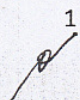
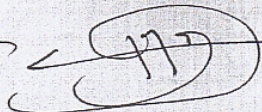
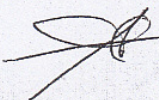
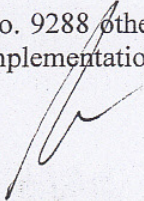
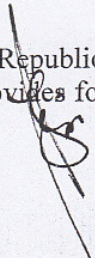
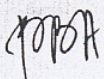
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9288 otherwise known as the "NEWBORN SCREENING ACT OF 2004" provides for the implementation of a comprehensive national policy institutionalizing



the newborn screening system to ensure that every baby born in the Philippines is offered the opportunity to undergo newborn screening.

WHEREAS, the Department of Health (DOH) Advisory Committee on Newborn Screening (ACNBS) has approved the implementation of the Expanded Newborn Screening Program and on January 26, 2015, the Newborn Screening Center for Central Luzon issued Memorandum 2015-001 declaring the availability of the Expanded Newborn Screening Services (ENBS);

WHEREAS, the newborn screening program in the Philippines currently includes screening of six disorders: congenital hypothyroidism (CH), congenital adrenal hyperplasia (CAH), phenylketonuria (PKU), glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase (G6PD) deficiency, galactosemia (GAL) and maple syrup urine disease (MSUD). The expanded screening will include 22 more disorders such as hemoglobinopathies and additional metabolic disorders, namely, organic acid, fatty acid oxidation, and amino acid disorders which are included in the standard care across the globe;

WHEREAS, the NBS program was prompted by the results of the study *Enhancing case detection of selected inherited disorders through expanded newborn screening in the Philippines* at the University of the Philippines Manila showing the data of Filipino newborns screened through the California Newborn Screening Program (CNSP) from 2005 to 2009 revealed that serious disorders were detected from CNSP which are not included in the existing program of the country.

NOW, therefore, premises considered, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Abra, in session duly assembled, that:

Section 1. Title: This shall be known as "*The Expanded Newborn Screening Program Ordinance of the Province of Abra.*"

Section 2. Scope: This Ordinance shall apply to the Abra Provincial Hospital (APH), District Hospitals, rural health units and all other medical and birthing centers under the jurisdiction of the Province of Abra.

Section 3. Definition of Terms. The following terms, when used in this ordinance shall be understood to mean:

3.1) *Comprehensive Newborn Screening System* means a newborn screening system that includes, but is not limited to, education of relevant stakeholders; collection and biochemical screening of blood samples taken from newborns; tracking and confirmatory testing to ensure the accuracy of screening results; clinical evaluation and biochemical/medical confirmation of test results; drugs and medical/surgical management and dietary supplementation to address the heritable conditions; and evaluation activities to assess long term outcome, patient compliance and quality assurance.

3.2) *Follow-up* means the monitoring of a newborn with a heritable condition for the purpose of ensuring that the newborn patient complies fully with the medicine of dietary prescriptions.

3.3) *Health institutions* mean hospitals, health infirmaries, health centers, lying-in centers or puericulture centers with obstetrical and pediatric services, whether public or private.

3.4) *Healthcare practitioner* means physicians, nurses, midwives, nursing aides and traditional birth attendants.

3.5) *Heritable condition* means any condition that can result in mental retardation, physical deformity or death if left undetected and untreated and which is usually inherited from the genes of either or both biological parents of the newborn.

3.6) *Newborn* means a child from the time of complete delivery to 30 days old.

3.7) *Newborn Screening* means the process of collecting a few drops of blood from the newborn unto an appropriate collection card and performing biochemical testing for determining if the newborn has a heritable condition.

3.8) *Newborn Screening Center* means a facility equipped with a newborn screening laboratory that complies with the standards established by the NIH and provides all required laboratory tests and recall/follow-up programs for newborns with heritable conditions.

3.9) *Expanded Newborn Screening System* means expanded screening which will include 22 more disorders from the six disorders, such as hemoglobinopathies and additional metabolic disorders, namely, organic acid, fatty acid oxidation, and amino acid disorders.

Section 4. Administrative Provisions.

4.a. ENBS IRR

4.1) Within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Ordinance, the Provincial Health Officer shall formulate the implementing guidelines, protocol, methods or procedures for the implementation of the Expanded Newborn Screening System in the Province of Abra of which, shall involve a series of steps from motivation, screening, follow-up, diagnosis, management and evaluation. It shall be integrated in the Newborn Screening Services and provision of information, communication, screening, recall and management of identified cases and other related services, as outlined in Section 14 of the IRR of RA 9288.

4.2) The Abra Provincial Hospital (APH), District Hospitals, rural health units and all other medical and birthing centers under the jurisdiction of the Province of Abra shall facilitate continuous care of confirmed positive cases. It shall provide long-term follow-up activities related to improving care delivery, including engagement of affected individuals and their families

4.b. Duty of Health Practitioners

4.3) Any health practitioner who delivers, or assists in the delivery of a newborn in the Abra Provincial Hospital (APH), District Hospitals, rural health units and all other medical and birthing centers under the jurisdiction of the Province of Abra, shall, prior to delivery, inform parents or legal guardians of the newborn of the availability, nature and benefits of the NBS/ENBS. The DOH prescribed guidelines on notification and education relative to the obligation to inform shall be followed.

4.4) Refusal form shall be accomplished by parents/legal guardians refusing newborn screening.

4.5) The screening protocol, which include the proper training and specimen collection, transport, laboratory testing, and reporting in compliance with the Implementing Rules and Regulations of RA 9288 shall be followed.

4.c. ENBS Fee

4.6) The APH is hereby authorized to collect minimal fee for the collection of the sample but in no case be less than P50.00.

4.d. Usage of ENBS Fee

4.7) The NBS fees shall be applied to, among others, testing costs, education, sample transport, follow-up and reasonable overhead expenditures.

Section 5. Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated an amount of Five Hundred Thousand P500,000.00 in addition to the amounts appropriated for the Newborn Screening Program (NBSP) for the initial implementation of the Expanded Newborn Screening System in the Province of Abra. The same amount shall be funded in the Annual Budget as a regular item therein.

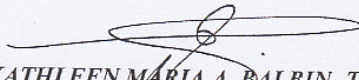
Section 6. Separability Clause. If for any reason or reasons, a part or parts of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or contrary to existing laws by competent authorities, the remainder shall remain in force and in effect

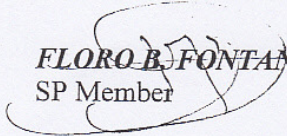
Section 7. Repealing Clause. All ordinances, resolutions and executive orders inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

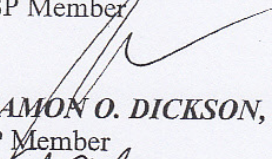
Section 8. Effectivity. This ordinance shall take effect after compliance with the prescribed requirement of RA 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, by all the members present this 4th day of May 1 2015, at Bangued, Abra, Philippines.

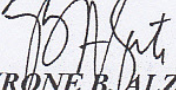
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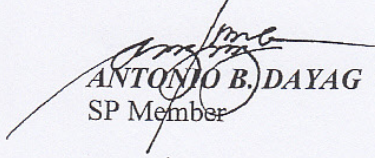

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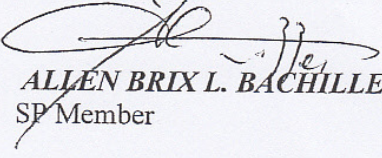

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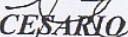

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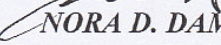

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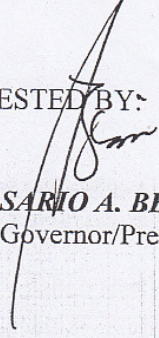

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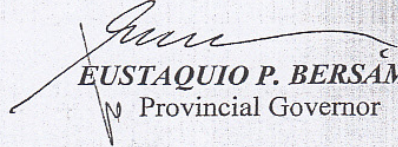

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