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ORDINANCE NO. 9212

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PRIORITY ACCESS POLICY FOR BONA FIDE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF MANILA IN THE AVAILMENT OF NON-URGENT HEALTH SERVICES IN ALL CITY-OWNED AND OPERATED HOSPITALS, PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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Be it ordained by the City Council of Manila, in session assembled, *THAT*:

SECTION 1. Title. – This Ordinance shall be known as the “Manila Resident Priority Access to Non-Urgent Hospital Services Ordinance.”

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. – The City of Manila recognizes its responsibility to provide quality and accessible health care services to its constituents. Considering that city hospitals are primarily funded through taxes, fees, and revenues generated by the City and are intended principally for the benefit of Manila residents, it is hereby declared the policy of the City to accord priority access to bona fide Manila residents in the availing of non-urgent medical services in city-owned and operated hospitals.

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to deny, delay, or withhold emergency medical treatment from any person regardless of residency, consistent with existing laws and humanitarian considerations.

SEC. 3. Definition of Terms. – For purposes of this Ordinance:

- a) “City Hospitals” shall refer to all hospitals, medical centers, infirmaries, specialty centers, and other healthcare facilities owned, operated, funded, or administered by the City Government of Manila.
- b) “Bona Fide Manila Resident” shall refer to a person who has maintained actual residence within the territorial jurisdiction of Manila for at least six (6) months immediately preceding the availment of services and who can present proof of residency in accordance with Section 7.
- c) “Non-Urgent Services” shall refer to medical consultations, elective procedures, scheduled diagnostic examinations, outpatient services, specialty clinic services, admission for non-urgent conditions, rehabilitation services, and other healthcare services that do not require immediate medical intervention to prevent death, serious disability, or permanent injury.
- d) “Emergency Medical Services” shall refer to services required for the immediate evaluation, stabilization, and treatment of conditions posing an imminent threat to life, limb, or health.

SEC. 4. Priority Access for Manila Residents. – In the allocation of available appointment slots, admission slots for non-urgent cases, diagnostic schedules, elective procedures, specialty consultations, and other non-emergency healthcare services, if resources are limited, bona fide Manila residents shall be given priority over non-residents.

Where resources are limited, city hospitals shall first accommodate qualified Manila residents before accepting non-resident applicants, subject to medical necessity and availability.

SEC. 5. Reservation of Service Capacity. – The City Health Department, in coordination with hospital administrators, shall establish minimum service allocations, appointment schedules, or bed allocations to ensure adequate access for Manila residents to non-urgent services.

SEC. 6. Exemptions. – The following shall not be subject to the priority provisions of this Ordinance:

- a) Patients requiring emergency medical treatment;

- b) Patients referred by national government health agencies pursuant to existing referral systems;
- c) Patients suffering from communicable diseases requiring immediate public health intervention;
- d) Patients covered by national health programs mandated by law;
- e) Such other cases as may be determined by the City Health Department in the interest of public health and welfare.

SEC. 7. Proof of Residency. – The following may be accepted as proof of Manila residency:

- a) Barangay Certification of Residency;
- b) Voter's Identification or Certification showing registration in Manila;
- c) Utility bills, lease contracts, or similar documents establishing residence; or
- d) Such other documents as may be approved by the City Health Department.

SEC. 8. Non-Discrimination in Emergency Care. – No person shall be refused emergency treatment, emergency admission, or emergency stabilization on the basis of residence, citizenship, financial status, ethnicity, religion, disability, age, or any other protected characteristic.

SEC. 9. Penalty Clause. – Health officers or public hospital staff found to have violated the provisions of this Ordinance and its implementing rules, shall be penalized in accordance with existing administrative laws that governs government civil service.

SEC. 10. Implementing Guidelines. – Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Ordinance, the City Health Department shall formulate and issue implementing rules and regulations to ensure the fair, efficient, and transparent implementation of this Ordinance.

SEC. 11. Reporting Requirement. – All city hospitals shall submit annual reports to the Office of the Mayor and the City Council indicating:

- a) Number of Manila resident patients served;
- b) Number of non-resident patients served;
- c) Utilization rates of non-urgent services;
- d) Waiting times for residents and non-residents; and
- e) Other relevant operational data.

SEC. 12. Funding. – The implementation of this Ordinance shall be funded from appropriations authorized under the Annual Appropriations Ordinance or any Supplemental Budget of the City Government of Manila, subject to the availability of funds and existing budgeting, accounting, auditing, and procurement laws, rules, and regulations. Thereafter, such funds as may be necessary for the continued implementation of this Ordinance shall be included in the Annual Budget of the City Government of Manila, subject to applicable laws and regulations.

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The City Government may also receive and utilize grants, donations, subsidies, contributions, and other lawful sources of funding, subject to existing laws, rules, and regulations.

All expenditures and disbursements made pursuant to this Ordinance shall be subject to applicable auditing and accounting rules and regulations.

SEC. 13. Separability Clause. – If any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 14. Repealing Clause. – All ordinances, resolutions, executive orders, rules, and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 15. Effectivity Clause. – This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of local circulation and compliance with all applicable legal requirements.

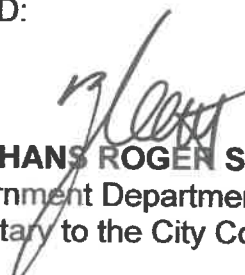
This Ordinance was enacted by the City Council of Manila on September 7, 2026.

PRESIDED BY:



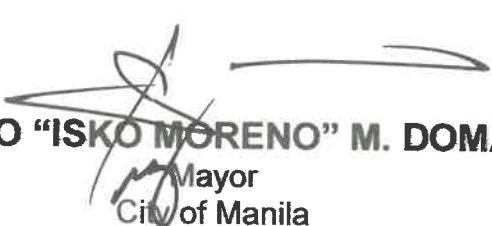
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City Council, Manila

ATTESTED:



ATTY. HANS ROGAN S. LUNA
City Government Department Head III
(Secretary to the City Council)

APPROVED BY HIS HONOR, THE MAYOR, ON OCT 05 2026



FRANCISCO "ISKO MORENO" M. DOMAGOSO

Mayor
City of Manila

ATTESTED:



MANUELLA M. ZARCIA
Secretary to the Mayor

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