



**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 17-A**

Series of 2021

**"AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER NETWORK (PCPN) IN DAVAO ORIENTAL PROVIDING MECHANISMS FOR ITS OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE"**

**WHEREAS**, one of the polices of the state as enumerated under Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution is that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

**WHEREAS**, Article XIII, Section 11 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution also states that the State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost and there shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children. x x x;

**WHEREAS**, one of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted by all United Nations Member States, including the Philippines, is to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages;

**WHEREAS**, the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Universal Health Care Act (Republic Act No. 11223) mandates that city-wide health systems shall have a primary care provider network (PCPN) as one of the minimum population-based and individual-based health service components;

**WHEREAS**, Section 455(b)(2)(iii) of the Local Government Code provides that the Provincial Governor shall issue such executive orders for the faithful and appropriate enforcement and execution of laws and ordinance;

**WHEREAS**, there is an imperative need to establish a PCPN to provide an effective, quality, efficient and speedy access to a range of health services that will benefit the well-being of the residents of the Province of Davao Oriental.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, NELSON L. DAYANGHIRANG**, Governor of the Province of Davao Oriental, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following;

**SECTION 1. CREATION AND COMPOSITION.** The Province -wide Primary Care Provider Network (PCPN) is hereby created which is composed of eleven (11) health offices under the Provincial Health Office and which are further divided to five (5) clusters:

- Cluster I - City of Mati and Tarragona
- Cluster II - Banaybanay, Lupon and San Isidro
- Cluster III - Governor Generoso



- Cluster IV - Manay and Caraga
- Cluster V - Boston, Baganga and Cateel

**SECTION 2. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.** The PCPN shall have the following functions:

**2.1 Population-wide and Individual Health Assessment.** All Primary Care Provider (PCPN) shall facilitate the updating of individual health profiles for analysis and assessment of catchment population needs at least every year.

**2.2 Planning.** All PCPN shall draft a comprehensive medium-term investment plan responsive to the key issues identified in the catchment population.

**2.3 Service Provision.** All PCPN shall:

1. Provide primary care services;
2. Serve as initial contact and navigator to guide patient's decision making for cost-efficient and appropriate levels of care;
3. Coordinate patients to facilitate two-way referrals and remove barriers to health services;
4. Enable patient records to be accessible throughout the health system;
5. Implement public health services such as vector control and sanitation as may be determined by the Department of Health;
6. Render population-based services. Also, PCPNs shall ensure that every member of the community is profiled and matched to a primary care facility in the PCPN, navigate the clients in the network and ensure that they get appropriate services in the appropriate facility;
7. Expand access to specialty services through practical technology, tele-dermatology, tele-psychia);
8. Make necessary arrangements to accommodate patients at all times. It shall ensure that clients get reliable and timely access to appropriate facilities and quality health care. This may include the use of centralized communication systems to facilitate transfers (i.e call centers, health facilities) or referral units of focal persons for referrals.
9. All PCPNs shall ensure access to any trained health worker (i.e pharmacists, midwife's nurses or primary care physician) as first point of the contact within the health system easy navigation and appropriate and timely referral to next level of care
10. All PCPNs shall maintain an updated registry and health records of all patients with their catchment areas through an interoperable health information system compliance with national eHealth standards.
11. All PCPNs shall regularly assess the quantity and quality of the service provided and the attainment of the network targets in terms of health outcome, financial protection and responsiveness.



**SECTION 3. CREATION OF A PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER NETWORK (PCPN) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.** There shall be created PCPN Management Committee which shall meet on a quarterly basis or as the need arises. It shall be headed by the Provincial Health Officer and its members shall be composed of the team leader/head of the five (5) clusters. The Committee shall directly report to the Local Health Board.

**SECTION 4. FUNCTIONS OF THE PCPN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.** The following are the functions of PCPN Management Committee:

1. Draft protocols and guidelines in the implementation of PCPN, subject to the approval of the Local Health Board;
2. Oversee the operations of the PCPN;
3. Render report to the Local Health Board; and
4. Perform such other functions, as may be necessary, in furtherance of the purpose of this Executive Order.

**SECTION 5. SECRETARIAT.** THE PCPN Management Committee shall also have Secretariat which shall be the Provincial Health Office. It is tasked to handle all administrative and/or secretarial related activities. It shall ensure all meetings of the PCPN Management Committee are effectively organized and recorded.

**SECTION 6. FUNDING AND OPERATING COSTS.** All costs pertaining to the operation of the PCPNs shall be charged against the fund of the Provincial Health Office and other grants from the Department of Health.

**SECTION 7. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If for any reason, any section of this Executive Order is declared unconstitutional or invalid, other sections or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 8. REPEALING CLAUSE.** Any executive order, local issuances, or rules inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly,

**SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY.** This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Mati, Province of Davao Oriental, Philippines on  
July 16, 2021.

**NELSON L. DAYANGHIRANG**  
Governor