



**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 31  
SERIES OF 2021**

**AN EXECUTIVE ORDER CREATING A TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG) FOR THE  
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE (UHC) IN DAVAO ORIENTAL**

**WHEREAS**, Health Systems in the Philippines is still characterized by highly fragmented health services leading to difficulties in access to services, poor delivery of health services, irrational and inefficient use of available resources, unnecessary increases in production costs, and low user satisfaction with services received.

**WHEREAS**, These are mostly manifested by segmented health system, decentralization of health services that fragments the levels of care, the predominance of programs targeting specific diseases, risks and populations (vertical programs) that are not integrated into the health systems, the extreme separation of public health services from the provision of personal care, a model of care centered on diseases, acute care, and hospital-based treatment, problems with the quantity, quality and allocation of resources, and many more.

**WHEREAS**, The purpose of the Universal Health Care (UHC) is to ensure the effective and efficient access and availment of rational, quality, equitable and affordable healthcare services at the appropriate networks of healthcare providers that better fulfills citizens' expectations. The provision of continuous, coordinated and integrated care will be further facilitated through the integration of local health systems into city-wide health systems. The law intends to address fragmentation issues in service delivery by streamlining the management of the health system, rationalizing multiple payers of care, and linking public and private providers.

**WHEREAS**, There is a need to develop Health Care Providers Network (HCPN) that are based on primary care, model and universal coverage, that are coordinated with other social networks, given their capacity to mitigate the effects of segmentation and fragmentation, that provides comprehensive primary health care services, including health promotion, disease prevention, curative care and palliative care and that are integrated with other levels of care and coordinated according to need, while ensuring effective referral to secondary and tertiary level of hospital care;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, NELSON L. DAYANGHIRANG, Governor of Davao Oriental, Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create a Technical Working Group (TWG) for the establishment of Integrated Health Care Providers Network in Davao Oriental with membership and functions as provided in the following sections:

**Section 1. TITLE.** This Executive Order shall be known as the Creation of the Technical Working Group for the implementation of Universal Health Care in the Province of Davao Oriental.

**Section 2. PURPOSE.** The Province of Davao Oriental through the Provincial Health Office and the Technical Working Group shall carry out the mandate to promote the general health of the people and uphold policies of the state enshrined in the Philippine Constitution and the Universal Health Care Law, their international, national and local instrumentalities.

**Section 1. COMPOSITION OF THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP**

The Technical Working Group (TWG) is hereby created and composed of the following:

**Chairperson:** SP Member- Chairman, Committee on Health and Sanitation

**Vice-Chairperson:** President – Davao Oriental Medical Society

**Members:** Provincial Health Office Core Team (PHO Team, District Health Office  
PCPN

Heads)  
PhilHealth LHIO  
President- League of Municipal Mayor of the Phils.  
BHW/ BNS Coordinator/ Nutrition Chief  
Representatives of:



Provincial Legal Officer  
Provincial Accountant  
Provincial Budget  
Provincial Treasurer  
Dept. of Social Service and Development Office  
Provincial Planning Officer  
Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office  
Provincial Information Office  
Integrated Gender and Development Office  
Municipal Health Officers Association of the Philippines –  
President  
Philippine Nurses Association, Davao Oriental Chapter – President  
Association of Barangay Captains, Davao Oriental Chapter –  
President  
Provincial Tribal Council, Davao Oriental - President

**Section 2. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.** The Technical Working Group (TWG) shall ensure the implementation of the different phases of local health systems integration. The province-wide health system shall include the city /municipal health offices, hospitals, barangay health stations, Government and Private Health Care Facilities. The TWG shall ensure that the province-wide health system through its health care providers delivery continuous and integrated health services to individuals and communities in a well-defined catchment areas. The TWG shall:

#### 2.1 Managerial

- Facilitate processes to obtain a unified governance of the local health system which include an expanded Local Health Board (LHB), strengthened Provincial Health Office with Health Service Delivery and Health Systems Support divisions and creation of a Management Support Unit which serves as the LHB's administrative secretariat and to assist in its operations
- Provide technical support to stakeholders and health champions for policy development for UHC implementation
- Facilitate processes to attain an integrated management system which include human resource for health management and development, strategic and investment planning, procurement and supply chain management and quality assurance

#### 2.2 Technical

- Facilitate processes in creating the Provincial Primary Care Provider Networks and the province wide Health Care Provider Network where there is an efficient link of health service provision from primary to tertiary care across different levels of facilities across a comprehensive spectrum of care with primary care as the foundation and intersectoral participation as one of its key principles
- Ensure that the province-wide health system has a functional referral system, DRRM-H, epidemiologic surveillance system and a pro-active and effective health promotion programs and campaigns

#### 2.3 Financial

- Provide technical support in the drafting of policies of the Special Health Fund creation, disbursement and utilization
- Ensure that the Special Health Fund is exclusively used for health services and health systems development

**Section 3. COMMITTEES.** The Technical Working Group may create the working committees based on the different integrations to assist in the effective implementation of its mandated roles and responsibilities.

**Section 4. PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE AND AUTHORITY TO DESIGNATE PERMANENT ALTERNATE.** Each agency identified as a member of the TWG shall have a regular representative. The regular member may designate his/her permanent alternate to attend the scheduled activities of the TWG.



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**Section 5. SECRETARIAT.** The Health Education and Promotion Unit of the Provincial Health Office shall act as Secretariat who will take charge of all communications, minutes of meetings and other documents of the TWG.

**Section 6. MEETINGS.** The TWG shall hold regular meeting at least once bi-annually and shall hold special meetings as deemed necessary.

**Section 7. REPORTS.** The Secretariat shall prepare and submit to the Local Chief Executive minutes of the regular/ special meetings and drafts of policies and guidelines for the city-wide health system for review and appropriate action.

**Section 8. EFFECTIVITY.** This order shall take effect immediately.

Issues this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December 2021, Mati City, Province of Davao Oriental, Philippines.

  
**NELSON L. DAYANGHIRANG**  
Governor