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Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao
BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY PARLIAMENT
Bangsamoro Government Center, Cotabato City



THIRD REGULAR SESSION

BANGSAMORO AUTONOMY ACT NO. 74

Begun and held in Cotabato City, on Thursday, the 15th day of September 2022.

AN ACT UPGRADING THE MAGUINDANAO PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE “BANGSAMORO REGIONAL HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER” TO A LEVEL III HOSPITAL, AND THEREBY INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY TO THREE HUNDRED FIFTY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Be it enacted by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority in Parliament assembled:

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “*Bangsamoro Regional Hospital and Medical Center Act of 2025.*”

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the declared policy of the Bangsamoro Government to protect and promote the people’s right to health and instill health consciousness among them. Furthermore, it shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development, which shall endeavor to provide essential goods, health care, and other social services to all the people at an affordable cost.

SEC. 3. *Objectives.* – This Act generally aims to upgrade the Maguindanao Provincial Hospital to a Level III hospital with a three hundred fifty (350) bed capacity. Specifically, it has the following objectives:

- a) Integrate into its system of operations all pertinent and relevant provisions under Republic Act No. 11223, otherwise known as the “*Universal Health Care Act*”;
- b) Improve and upgrade the government health services and facilities of the Maguindanao Provincial Hospital for the benefit of the general public, especially residents of Maguindanao del Sur and nearby areas;
- c) Provide all essential and quality health services to the people, especially the sick, the poor, and other marginalized individuals from Maguindanao del Sur; and
- d) Improve and uplift the morale, social, and economic well-being of health workers of the Maguindanao Provincial Hospital.

SEC. 4. *Definition of Terms.* – For the purposes of this Act, the following terms are hereby defined as follows:

- a) *“Classification Level”* – refers to the classification of hospitals based on their functional capacity as prescribed by the Department of Health (DOH) under Administrative Order No. 2012-0012, effective July 18, 2012, and subsequent amendment thereto as Administrative Order No. 2012-0012 dated September 03, 2015.
- b) *“Level I”* – The hospital shall have, as minimum, the services stipulated under Rule V. B. 1. b. 1. of the DOH Administrative Order No. 2012-0012, including, but not limited to, the following:
- b.1. A staff of qualified medical, allied medical, and administrative personnel headed by a physician duly licensed by the Professional Regulation Commission;
 - b.2. Bed space for its authorized bed capacity in accordance with DOH guidelines in the planning and design of hospitals;
 - b.3. An operating room with standard equipment and provision of sterilization of equipment and supplies in accordance with:
 - a. DOH Reference Plan in the Planning and Design of an Operating Room/Theater; and
 - b. DOH Guidelines on Cleaning, Disinfection, and Sterilization of Reusable Medical Devices in Hospital Facilities in the Philippines.
 - b.4. A post-operative recovery room;
 - b.5. Maternity facilities, consisting of ward(s), room(s), and delivery room, exclusively for maternity patients and newborns;
 - b.6. Isolation facilities with proper procedures for the care and control of infectious and communicable diseases, as well as for the prevention of cross-infections;
 - b.7. A separate dental section/clinic;
 - b.8. Provision for blood station;
 - b.9. A DOH licensed secondary clinical laboratory with the services of a consulting pathologist;
 - b.10. A DOH licensed Level I imaging facility with the services of a consulting radiologist; and
 - b.11. A DOH licensed pharmacy.
- c) *“Level II”* – The hospital shall have, as minimum, all of Level I capacity, including, but not limited to the following:
- c.1. An organized staff of qualified and competent personnel, with chief of hospital/medical director and appropriate board-certified clinical department heads;

- c.2. Departmentalized and equipped with the services capabilities needed to support board-certified/eligible medical specialists and other licensed physicians rendering services in the specialties of Medicine, Pediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Surgery, their subspecialties, and ancillary services;
 - c.3. Provision for general Intensive Care Unit for critically ill patients;
 - c.4. Provision for Neonatal Intensive Care Unit;
 - c.5. Provision for High-Risk Pregnancy Unit;
 - c.6. Provision for respiratory therapy services;
 - c.7. A DOH licensed tertiary clinical laboratory; and
 - c.8. A DOH licensed Level II imaging facility with mobile x-ray inside the institution and capable of contrast examinations.
- d) *“Level III”* – The hospital shall have as minimum, all of Level II capacity, including, but not limited to, the following:
- d.1. Teaching and/or training hospital with accredited residency training program for physicians in the four (4) major specialties, namely: Medicine, Pediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Surgery;
 - d.2. Provision for Trauma and Stroke Care;
 - d.3. Provision for Oncology and Wellness Center;
 - d.4. Provision for physical medicine and rehabilitation unit;
 - d.5. Provision for ambulatory surgical clinic;
 - d.6. Provision for dialysis facility;
 - d.7. Provision for blood bank;
 - d.8. A DOH licensed tertiary clinical laboratory with standard equipment/reagents/supplies necessary for the performance of histopathology examinations; and
 - d.9. A DOH licensed Level III imaging facility with interventional radiology.
- e) *“Upgrading”* – refers to the reclassification of a hospital into a level higher than its present state by providing and complying with the requirements prescribed for its accreditation to the higher level aspired for in accordance with DOH Administrative Order No. 2012-0012, effective July 18, 2012, and subsequent amendment thereto as Administrative Order No. 2012-0012 dated September 03, 2015.

SEC. 5. *Upgrading of the Maguindanao Provincial Hospital.* – The Maguindanao Provincial Hospital located in Datu Hoffer Ampatuan, Maguindanao del Sur is hereby upgraded from its present Level II classification into a Level III hospital with a three hundred fifty (350) bed capacity to be known as the Bangsamoro Regional Hospital and Medical Center, in accordance with the national classification level standards set by the DOH–Bureau of Health Facilities and Services as defined under Section 4 of this Act, to attain full accreditation.

SEC. 6. *Existing Physical Structures and Services.* – The existing physical structures, professional health care services, facilities, and equipment shall be comprehensively upgraded and expanded to accommodate and support the increased bed capacity. This upgrade shall ensure the delivery of high-quality, safe, and efficient patient care, in accordance with the latest healthcare standards and best practices. Moreover, the hospital shall incorporate modern infrastructure, advanced medical technologies, and innovative systems to enhance operational efficiency, patient experience, and clinical outcomes.

SEC. 7. *Existing Workforce.* – The existing workforce of the hospital, which includes doctors, nurses, and other health care practitioners and support personnel, shall be increased accordingly to meet the upgraded facility's service requirements. The Ministry of Health (MOH), in coordination with the Ministry of Finance, Budget and Management, shall determine the additional plantilla positions to be created and filled, in coordination with the management of the Maguindanao Provincial Hospital.

SEC. 8. *Administration, Management, and Operation.* – The upgraded Maguindanao Provincial Hospital shall remain under the administrative supervision of the MOH, which is hereby authorized to establish and/or approve the appropriate organizational structure and personnel for the management and operations of the herein-mentioned upgraded facility.

SEC. 9. *Implementation.* – Within sixty (60) days from the promulgation of this Act, the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of its provisions shall be formulated by the MOH.

SEC. 10. *Appropriations.* – An initial amount of Fifty Million Pesos (Php50,000,000.00) necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be charged against the 2025 General Appropriation Act of the Bangsamoro. Thereafter, funds necessary for the operations of the hospital shall be included in the annual appropriations for the following year of its enactment.

SEC. 11. *Separability Clause.* – If, for any cause, any part of this Act is declared unconstitutional or contrary to the provisions of the Organic Law for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, the rest of the provisions shall remain in force and effect.

SEC. 12. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, orders, rules, and regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified, superseded, or amended accordingly.

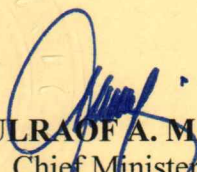
SEC. 13. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its complete publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.


ATTY. PANGALIAN M. BALINDONG
Speaker

This Act was passed by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority Parliament on *Dhu Al-Qa'dah* 28, 1446/May 26, 2025.


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