

# Republic of the Philippines Province of Pangasinan MUNICIPALITY OF BAYAMBANG

# OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 51**

Series of 2025

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER DIRECTING ALL DEPARTMENTS, OFFICES, AND UNITS UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF BAYAMBANG TO RECOGNIZE AND ACCEPT CERTIFICATES OF INDIGENCY ISSUED BY BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS (BHWs) FOR MEMBERS OF THE VULNERABLE SECTOR, SPECIFICALLY FOR PURPOSES OF MEDICAL, FINANCIAL, AND BURIAL ASSISTANCE, PROVIDED BY THE MAYOR'S OFFICE AND DEFINING THE AUTHORITY OF BHWs TO ISSUE SUCH CERTIFICATES FOR THE SPECIFIED PURPOSE

WHEREAS, the 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines affirms the right of every Filipino to accessible and adequate social services, especially the poor, under a just and humane society;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Code of 1991 (Republic Act No. 7160) mandates the delivery of basic services and social welfare support to indigent and marginalized constituents through the local government units (LGUs);

WHEREAS, Barangay Health Workers (BHWs), pursuant to Republic Act No. 7883 or the "Barangay Health Workers' Benefits and Incentives Act of 1995," are frontline community health workers who are duly recognized and accredited volunteers who render primary healthcare services, including the identification and reporting of indigent and vulnerable members of the community;

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of this Office that the issuance of Barangay Certificates of Indigency, a basic requirement for availing of local medical, financial, and burial assistance, has been politicized in some barangays, wherein certain Punong Barangays deny issuance to residents who are not considered political allies;

**WHEREAS,** such unjust and discriminatory practice runs contrary to the principles of social justice, equity, and non-discrimination, and deprives the poor and vulnerable sectors of the support and protection they rightfully deserve;

WHEREAS, Barangay Health Workers, as non-partisan public health volunteers who regularly monitor and interact with vulnerable residents, are in a unique and legitimate position to attest to the indigency of individuals in their communities;

"Baley ko, Pawilen ko, Aroen ko, tan Tulungan ko"









## NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARY CLARE JUDITH PHYLLIS JOSE-QUIAMBAO,

Municipal Mayor of Bayambang, Pangasinan, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

# SECTION 1. ACCEPTANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF INDIGENCY ISSUED BY BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS

All departments, offices, and units under the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Bayambang, Pangasinan are hereby directed to accept Certificates of Indigency issued by duly accredited Barangay Health Workers (BHWs) for the sole purpose of availing Medical Assistance, Financial Assistance, and Burial Assistance provided by the Mayor's Office from the municipal government.

# SECTION 2. EXPANDED FUNCTIONS OF BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS

Barangay Health Workers in the Municipality of Bayambang are hereby authorized to issue Certificates of Indigency, in addition to their existing roles and responsibilities, solely for the purposes stated in Section 1 above. Their functions shall now include:

- a. Identification and validation of indigent individuals and families within their assigned barangays through direct community engagement and regular monitoring;
- b. Issuance of Certificates of Indigency in a format prescribed by the LGU, which shall be considered a valid supporting document in availing medical, financial, or burial aid;
- Maintaining a registry of indigent individuals and households, subject to audit and verification by the Municipal Health Office and the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO);
- d. Coordination with the MSWDO and other concerned offices in the implementation of welfare programs for the vulnerable sector.

### SECTION 3. MONITORING AND COMPLIANCE

The Municipal Health Office, in coordination with the MSWDO and the Office of the Mayor, shall oversee the implementation of this Order. Regular training, validation, and performance monitoring of BHWs shall be conducted to ensure accuracy, transparency, and integrity in the issuance of said certificates.

#### SECTION 4. NON-DISCRIMINATION

All LGU departments and units are hereby enjoined to process requests for assistance without regard to political affiliation, or any form of bias. Any personnel found refusing to

honor BHW-issued Certificates of Indigency without just cause shall be subject to administrative action.

### **SECTION 5. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE**

If any provision of this Executive Order is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

### **SECTION 6. EFFECTIVITY**

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon approval and posting in at least three (3) conspicuous public places and shall remain in force unless revoked or amended.

Done this 16th day of June, 2025 at the Municipality of Bayambang, Pangasinan.

MARY CLARE JUDITH PITALLYS JOSE-QUIAMBAO

