



PhilHealth Konsulta campaign intensifies in Cagayan Valley

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To ensure that the government's torch of Universal Health Care remains aflame, PhilHealth Cagayan Valley sets into high gear its Orientation, Accreditation and Registration activities for the **Konsulta Program** or the *Konsultasyong Sulit at Tama*. Being its expanded Primary Care Benefit Package, the PhilHealth Konsulta takes off from its predecessor with more services that include additional laboratory procedures like electrocardiogram (ECG), chest x-ray and complete blood count (CBC), and an array of medicines that include anti-diabetes, anti-hypertension and anti-asthma drugs.

In his recent meeting with Governor Dakila Carlos "Dax" E. Cua and heads of Health Care Facilities (HCFs) of Quirino Province, Regional Vice President BGen. Llewellyn R. Binasoy (Ret.) said, *"The COVID pandemic has just reminded us how important health really is and how indiscriminate illnesses and diseases are. In every battle, prevention has always been key. Every Filipino deserves this program. Every Filipino deserves this protection. Salamat po at nakita ninyo ang kahalagahan nito para sa bawat Filipino. Kaya po naman dito sa Region II ang ating hashtag is **One PhilHealth, One PhilHeart**".*

The Province of Quirino consistently rallied behind its District Hospitals, becoming the first province in the region where all its managed HCFs are now accredited Konsulta Providers.



These include Quirino Province Medical Center, Diffun District Hospital, Aglipay District Hospital and Maddela District Hospital.

“Health will always be a Pillar Program of our governance here in Quirino. Throughout the years, we have continually improved our healthcare services and PhilHealth has always been our partner. Hindi natin palalagpasin ang pagkakataong palawakin ang programang pangkalusugan, especially with PhilHealth as our partner”, Governor “Dax” Cua said in response.



RVP BGen. Llewellyn R. Binasoy (Ret.), presents the Certificate of Accreditation of Maddela District Hospital as KonSulTa provider to Gov. Dakila E. Cuaa of Quirino

Since May 2022, PhilHealth Regional Office II (PRO II) has become more aggressive in engaging the Local Government Units (LGUs) and private and government HCFs, through its Accreditation and Quality Assurance Section (AQuAS), ReachOut Team and Local Health Insurance Offices (LHIOs). Even after satisfying the targeted number of accredited facilities, PRO II is not keen on slowing down in encouraging more facilities to participate in the Konsulta to give members more options to choose their preferred provider.



Currently, mass member registration and orientations locally dubbed as the **“KONSULTA ROADshow (Registration and Onsite Advocacy and Dissemination show): Lahat Rehistrado, Bayan Panalo!”** are evident in the four corners of the region simultaneously conducted by LHIO personnel from the Cities of Tuguegarao, Ilagan, Cauayan and Santiago and Solano, Nueva Vizcaya. The KONSULTA ROADshow sets up One-Stop-Shops where LGUs can facilitate member registration and profiling. Members, partners and stakeholders also get to enjoy other PhilHealth services like ID and MDR Printing, payment and verification of contributions, accreditation assistance for healthcare facilities and professionals, and other PhilHealth-related concerns.

It is expected that the Konsulta ROADshow will later translate to increase in availment of the Konsulta Package in the days to come. ###