

## PhilHealth inks MOA with DHVSU to cover 44,000 students and personnel

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AMPANGA – Don Honorio Ventura State University (DHVSU) hosted the signing of Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with PhilHealth Regional Office III (PRO III) to cover 44,000 students and personnel of the university under PhilHealth and Konsulta programs on October 24, 2022 at the Dr. Ernesto T. Nicdao Sports Center.

Acting Vice President Edgardo F. Faustino discussed the features and benefits of the Konsulta (Konsultasyong Sulit at Tama) program during the themed "ALAGA KA for DHVSU Students" with around 450 participants in attendance. The Konsulta program is the primary care benefit package of PhilHealth which covers medical consultation (check-up), laboratory tests, and maintenance medicines. This preventive care program is one of the priorities in the implementation of the Universal Health Care (UHC) Law or Republic Act No. 11223 in order to reshape the health behavior of every citizen of all ages. Under the UHC law, every Filipino shall have



an access to quality health care on all levels and shall be protected against financial risk.

During the event, DHVSU President Enrique G. Baking and Vice President for Student Affairs and Services Dr. Dolores T. Quiambao expressed their gratitude to PhilHealth and provided full support for the Konsulta program and its implementation to cover the population of the university whom they proudly call Honorians. President Baking emphasized that the total well-being of their stakeholders is their utmost concern, and recognized PhilHealth's efforts to bring the UHC, Konsulta program, and services to DHVSU. Furthermore, Dr. Quiambao discussed their journey in the process to ensure the welfare of the Honorians through the launching of Konsulta program and the availment of the primary care services.





Faustino, on the other hand, stated that with PhilHealth Konsulta program, preventable diseases can be minimized through early detection and immediate health care.

Present also during the Konsulta discussions, MOA signing, and PhilHealth registration and assignment to Konsulta facilities were PRO III Acting Branch-A Manager Dr. Rowena Z. San Mateo, LHIO-Angeles Head Annabelle I. Bautista, LHIO-San Fernando Head Elizabeth B. Capuli, and other PhilHealth officers and staff.

As of October 20, 2022, there are 263 accredited Konsulta facilities in Central Luzon: 61 in Pampanga, 58 in Bulacan, 49 in Nueva Ecija, 35 in Tarlac, 29 in Bataan, 26 in Zambales, and 5 in Aurora.

A PhilHealth member may register/assigned to his/her preferred Konsulta facility through any of the following:

1. Self-registration via www.philhealth.gov.ph online services Member Portal; or



- 2. Assisted Registration
  - a. Social Worker of the PhilHealth Konsulta Provider; or
  - b. Local Government Unit (LGU) or Office for Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA); or
  - c. PhilHealth Local Health Insurance Office (LHIO); or
  - d. PhilHealth Customer Assistance, Relations, and Empowerment Staff (P-Cares); or
  - e. Corporate Action Center; or
  - f. Employer

The MOA with DHVSU and other partners is part of PhilHealth Regional Office (PRO) III's continuous efforts to provide members with primary care benefits in addition to inpatient and outpatient benefits. PRO III is bringing the Konsulta programs closer to students and personnel of schools in Central Luzon through consistent information and education campaign, registration, and services. ###



