

PhilHealth conducts simultaneous nationwide Konsulta Summit

More than six thousand Filipinos joined the first nationwide PhilHealth Konsulta Summit and Member Registration, the state-run health insurer's approach to bring its primary care benefits closer to the public last June 3, 2023.

The simultaneous nationwide Konsulta registration was held in different parts of the country; in the cities of Marikina, Dasmariñas, Naga, Iloilo, Talisay, General Santos, Ormoc, Cagayan de Oro, Cotabato, Marawi, Ysabela City in Basilan; and in the municipalities of Bataan, Buluan and Datu Odin Sinsuat in Maguindanao.

PhilHealth continuously intensifies its campaign to heighten the awareness of Filipinos on its primary benefits under the Konsulta Package. This package includes targeted health risk screening and assessment, initial and follow-up consultations, standard laboratory tests and 21 essential drugs and medicines as prescribed by the primary care physicians.



Corporate Affairs Group Acting Vice President Rey T. Baleña replying to query from the media.



PhilHealth Summit, Konsulta Registration, and First-Patient Encounter (medical check-up, laboratory test, and medicines) of employed members at the Mariveles Mental Wellness and General Hospital



Talisay City residents register in their chosen Konsulta Providers.

During the event in Marikina City, former Acting Department of Health Secretary and PhilHealth Board Chair Maria Rosario Vergeire in her video message said that studies had shown that primary care can address around 80 percent of people's common needs. She further emphasized the importance of primary care, saying that *"sa primary care maiiwasan ang paglubha ng mga sakit na kadalasan din ay mas mahal ang kinakailangang gamutan."*

On the other hand, PhilHealth Chief Emmanuel R. Ledesma Jr., stated the importance of the providers, adding that the health insurer targets to accredit 2,500 Konsulta Package providers this year. He further urged the health facilities to become accredited so that more members can register and avail of primary care services nationwide. *“Kumakatok po kami sa aming mga partner providers na suportahan ang kampanyang ito ng gobyerno upang sa gayon ay maramdaman ng ating mga kababayan ang isa sa mga layon ng Universal Health Care.”*, he said.

After a brief presentation on PhilHealth benefits and services, the members were able to register and avail of consultation and health risk assessment with their chosen Konsulta Provider.



Newly enrolled Konsulta member and First patient encounter in LHIO Cotabato



More than 95 companies and over 200 employees participated in PhilHealth Region 10's Summit and Konsulta Member Registration on Saturday, June 3, at Limketkai Center. The 2-in-1 nationwide simultaneous event highlights PhilHealth's latest and enhanced programs, benefits, and services in the context of Universal Health Care (UHC).



Marikeños as they register with their chosen Konsulta Providers.



One thousand two hundred members were able to register in the Konsulta where 134 were able to avail of the first patient encounter with OSPA Farmers' Medical Center-a Konsulta Provider in Region 8

One of the attendees in Marikina City, Princess Sarah Tibay, HR staff of Department of Education-Marikina expressed her appreciation of such an event being organized by the state insurer. *“Okay ang Konsulta Summit event dahil na-orient ng mabuti ang mga employees at employers. Since sa HR po ako, mas madali naming mao-orient ang mga teachers at non-teaching employees namin tungkol sa Konsulta, kung paano sila makaka-rehistro at makakagamit ng Konsulta (benefits).”*

Ledesma expressed his gratitude to the Department of Health, Local Government Units, Konsulta providers, other agencies and private companies that supported the event. *“Maraming salamat sa suporta upang mapalawak pa ang maabot ng Konsulta Package”*, he said. ###