



# ITRMC is now accredited with PhilHealth Konsulta

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To expand health promotions and consultations in their clinics, in order to cover as many patients as possible, the Ilocos Training and Regional Medical Center (ITRMC) launched the PhilHealth Konsulta (Konsultasyong Sulit at Tama) last April 20, 2023 at the former Oasis Country Resort in San Fernando City, La Union.



*“Filipinos have long been dreaming of primary care benefits”, said Dr. Marvin F.*

Munar, Medical Specialist IV/Head for Center for Public Health and Primary Care Department of ITRMC. As most Filipinos avail of PhilHealth benefits only during confinement, PhilHealth Konsulta is a response to their clamor for a benefit that will help them prevent certain lifestyle diseases which may lead to catastrophic illnesses. When asked about why ITRMC decided to become PhilHealth Konsulta accredited, Munar responded, *“When we saw the need of the Filipinos’ access to doctors, when we saw the data*

from DOH and the need in the local area, ITRMC decided to become PhilHealth Konsulta accredited”.

The former resort is now an annex building of ITRMC and shall serve as their Konsulta facility. A step-by-step process from enlistment to issuance of ITRMC Konsulta Card had been properly laid out to ensure hassle-free availment for the members. As a PhilHealth Konsulta accredited provider, ITRMC shall provide primary care consultations, and health screening and assessment to all registered members and their legal dependents. They will also have access to selected diagnostic services and medicines based on their health needs. ITRMC’s Phase 1 roll-out target is to enlist hospital employees and their families. Soon, they will proceed to Phase 2 roll-out to cover all those who are not yet registered with any of the accredited Konsulta providers in La Union and who would prefer to be registered with ITRMC.



Dr. Unity H. Cortez, Chief Medical Professional Staff II and Head of ITRMC Center for Tertiary and Specialized Care, graced the launching on behalf of Dr. Eduardo M. Badua III, Medical Center Chief. She sees the Konsulta benefit as a way of helping the hospital in improving public health. She said that *“The only way to*



*dehog hospitalization of sick patients is to improve public health. And one way of improving public health is to provide Konsulta services”.* She also described PhilHealth Konsulta as a welcome development as it will help them with the expenses of their outpatient department in terms of provision of primary care services.

The event was attended by PhilHealth Regional Office I Field Operations Chief Josephine Q. Quiton, and La Union Local Health Insurance Office Chief Raymund O. Maningding. ITRMC thanked, PhilHealth for being a partner of the facilities and doctors in improving the peoples’ health. Dr. Cortez also expressed her gratitude to PhilHealth not only for the Konsulta but also for the reimbursement in case rates which serve as the backbone of the facility in maintaining its daily operations. ###