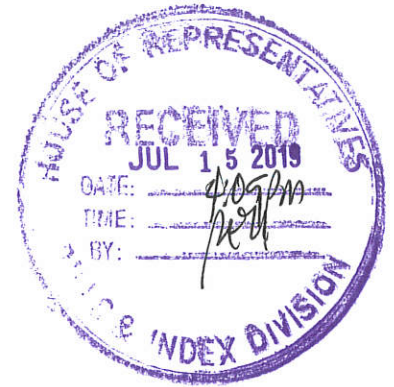


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

In the Republic of the Philippines, the **Chronic Kidney Diseases** (CKD's) current exclusion by the National Council for Disability Affairs arises from the contention that CKD is a disease and not a disability.

Currently, CKD patients who are to be issued PWD IDs are those who already have physical/orthopedic or psychosocial disabilities.

Chronic dialysis patients or chronic kidney disease (CKD) patients on dialysis are among those severely troubled by their disease which is why any assistance that will be received in the form of **PhilHealth** benefits or **PCSO** aid is very much valued.

However, availing of PWD benefits among CKD patients remain to be a problem.

This House Bill seeks to petition that **chronic dialysis patients** be considered as PWDs, and that they be included in the PWD benefits.

Thus, the early passage of this bill is earnestly requested.



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AN ACT

MANDATING THAT CHRONIC DIALYSIS PATIENTS (*CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE*) BE GIVEN THE SAME PRIVILEGES AS PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWD), AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. DECLARATION OF POLICY – It is hereby a declared policy of the state to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health awareness among them.

The State shall also protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in unity with the rhythm and harmony of nature.

SECTION 2. Availing of PWD benefits among CKD patients:

The state shall hereby implement the inclusion of the following provisions in the National Council for Disability Affairs Implementing Rules and Regulations:

- **PhilHealth** and Health Technology Assessment Council do an in-depth study on both direct and indirect cost of having Kidney Disease;
- **PhilHealth** must provide additional hemodialysis treatment coverage, in order for a patient who are eligible to have a kidney transplant be financially capable in pursuing kidney transplant;
- **Post Transplant** medication should be covered by PhilHealth; and
- **Organ Procurement Organizations** should be made available in every region, if not it should be strategically placed in areas around the country.

SECTION 3. TRANSITORY PROVISION – Existing industries, businesses and offices affected by the implementation of this Act shall be given six **(6)** months transitory period from the effectivity of the IRR or such other period as may be determined, to comply with the requirements of this Act.

SECTION 4. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. – The departments and agencies charged with carrying out the provisions of this Act shall, within sixty **(60)** days after the effectivity of this Act, formulate the necessary rules and regulations for its effective implementation.

SECTION 5. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation whichever comes earlier.

Approved,