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Introduced by Senator Raffy T. Tulfo

RESOLUTION
URGING THE ADOPTION AND EXPANDED PHILHEALTH COVERAGE OF
AUTOMATED PERITONEAL DIALYSIS (APD) TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF
LIFE FOR CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE (CKD) PATIENTS

1 WHEREAS, Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) is a growing public health concern in the
2 Philippines, affecting millions of Filipinos and significantly impacting their quality of life;

3 WHEREAS, Dialysis treatment, specifically hemodialysis and Peritoneal Dialysis
4 (PD), is a life-saving intervention for patients with advanced CKD;

5 WHEREAS, peritoneal dialysis offers several advantages over hemodialysis,
6 including greater flexibility, increased patient independence, and potential for improved
7 cardiovascular health;

8 WHEREAS, Automated Peritoneal Dialysis (APD) is a further advancement in PD
9 technology, utilizing automated machines to perform exchanges throughout the night
10 while the patient sleeps, reducing treatment burden and improving sleep quality;

11 WHEREAS, studies have shown that APD can significantly improve patient
12 outcomes compared to manual PD, including reduced peritonitis rates, better blood sugar
13 control, and enhanced overall well-being;

14 WHEREAS, the Philippines, as a nation committed to healthcare innovation and
15 improved patient care, has a responsibility to explore and adopt advancements in dialysis
16 technology;

17 WHEREAS, there is no current PhilHealth coverage for APD compared to manual
18 PD and hemodialysis, creating a financial barrier for patients who could benefit most from
19 this technology;

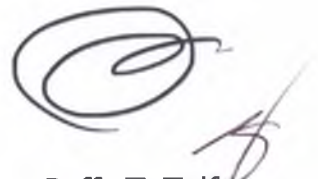
1 WHEREAS, expanding PhilHealth coverage for APD would ensure greater access
2 to this life-changing treatment, promoting equity and reducing the financial burden on
3 patients and their families;

4 WHEREAS, increased utilization of APD would not only benefit patients but also
5 potentially alleviate the strain on healthcare facilities currently overwhelmed by high
6 volumes of hemodialysis patients;

7 WHEREAS, the government, in collaboration with the medical community and
8 patient advocacy groups, has a role to play in raising public awareness about CKD and
9 promoting patient education on all available dialysis options;

10 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Senate
11 of the Philippines urge the Department of Health (DOH) to develop and implement a
12 national program to promote the adoption and wider use of APD as a treatment option
13 for CKD patients in the Philippines and for PhilHealth to review and expand the coverage
14 for APD to ensure it is equivalent to the coverage provided for hemodialysis.

Adopted,



Raffy T. Tulfo