



*Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod*

**CITY ORDINANCE NO. 341-2024**  
**Series of 2024**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE MEDISERVE BARANGAY RECORDS OF HEALTH (MSBR HEALTH) IN ALL CITY HEALTH UNITS AND BARANGAY HEALTH CENTERS IN THE CITY OF BACOR, CAVITE.**

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**WHEREAS**, Under Republic Act No. 11223, otherwise known as the Universal Health Care Act, it is the policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of all Filipinos and instill health consciousness among them.

**WHEREAS**, Section 7 of Republic Act No. 11927 (the "Philippine Digital Workforce Competitiveness Act") mandates all local governments to create local policies supporting and promoting the growth and development of digital technology, digital careers and innovations in their respective communities, which may include providing incentives for technological innovations for agri-fishery industries and hospital care or public health services.

**WHEREAS**, Section 18 of Republic Act No. 7160 ("RA 7160" or "the Local Government Code") grants local government units (LGUs) the power and authority to "establish an organization that shall be responsible for the efficient and effective implementation of their development plans, program objectives and priorities; to create their own sources of revenues and to levy taxes, fees, and charges which shall accrue exclusively for their use and disposition and which shall be retained by them; to have a just share in national taxes which shall be automatically and directly released to them without need of any further action; to have an equitable share in the proceeds from the utilization and development of the national wealth and resources within their respective territorial jurisdictions including sharing the same with the inhabitants by way of direct benefits; to acquire, develop, lease, encumber, alienate, or otherwise dispose of real or

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personal property held by them in their proprietary capacity and to apply their resources and assets for productive, developmental, or welfare purposes, in the exercise or furtherance of their governmental or proprietary powers and functions and thereby ensure their development into self-reliant communities and active participants in the attainment of national goals."

**WHEREAS**, Section 17 of RA 7160 provides that local governments shall endeavor to be self-reliant and shall continue exercising the powers and discharging the duties and functions currently vested upon them. They shall also discharge the functions and responsibilities of national agencies and offices devolved to them pursuant to this Code. LGUs shall likewise exercise such other powers and discharge such other functions and responsibilities as are necessary, appropriate, or incidental to efficient and effective provisions of the basic services and facilities enumerated herein, including but not limited to:

For Barangay:

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- (ii) Health and social welfare services which include maintenance of barangay health center and day-care center;
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**WHEREAS**, the City Mayor has the power to exercise general supervision over component barangays to ensure that said barangays act within the scope of their prescribed powers and functions.

**WHEREAS**, the recent COVID-19 global pandemic has unveiled various difficulties faced by the State, particularly by the LGUs, in relation to their duty to provide medical updates, serve medical services, and distribute medical supplies as an aid to the citizenry.

**WHEREAS**, the difficulties encountered consist, among others, of the LGU's inability to efficiently disseminate legitimate and official news and information related to medical services, combat false medicinal claims, quickly identify qualified recipients of medical services within an urgent timeline, and provide medical aid and supplies to all residents in need, in an efficient and expeditious manner.

**WHEREAS**, the said difficulties were caused, among others, by the: (a) lack of access to complete and accurate data or relevant information pertaining to the health of a locality that will help identify who should be accounted for during health emergencies; and (b) the absence of an established health system



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to effectively sort the constituents to be prioritized for immediate medical aid.

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to come up with an effective measure to remedy this difficulty by possessing and maintaining an efficient and reliable record and information in every barangay that will lead to the proper distribution of medical aid and services to its constituents during public health emergencies.

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to enact an ordinance establishing a barangay-based health recording system in all the City health units in the City of Bacoor to further improve the delivery of health and medical services, emergency response, and other services of the Barangays, and City Government as a whole.

**WHEREAS**, this system, side-by-side with the Uniform Information Management System Ordinance of the City of Bacoor, will serve as an accurate and up-to-date repository of health and medical information of all the residents in the barangay. Having a centralized system will be useful in medical program planning and most advantageous in analysis and decision-making at the barangay level. Especially in times of public health emergencies, like outbreaks and other medical diseases, the City Government, through the City Health Office, will be able to forecast and assess the needs of their constituents based on the information collected.

**WHEREAS**, creating a system such as the MEDISERVE BARANGAY RECORDS OF HEALTH (MSBR HEALTH) is crucial in achieving the City Government of Bacoor's goal of ensuring healthy lives and promoting the well-being of every Bacooreño.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it ordained by 5<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor that:

### SECTION 1. TITLE.

This Ordinance shall be known as the "**MediServe Barangay Records of Health Ordinance**".

### SECTION 2. SCOPE.

This Ordinance shall apply to all City Health Units and Barangay Health Centers in the City of Bacoor.

### SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS.

**Barangay** - refers to the smallest political unit into which the City of Bacoor is divided, created in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Code of the Philippines.



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**Information system** - refers to a fit-for-purpose technological software used for decision-making, delivery of health and medical services, monitoring of health and medical services conducted, and coordination, control, analysis, and visualization of health and medical information in an organization.

**MediServe Barangay Records of Health or MSBR Health** - refers to the centralized database of health and medical information of all the residents, an all-in-one tool for data, tasks, emergency response, analytics needs, and decision making regarding the health and wellness of the constituents in a locality.

**Patients** - the residents of the City of Bacoor who visit and avail of the services of the City Health Units and Barangay Health Centers.

**Population-Based Health Services** — interventions such as health promotion, disease surveillance, and vector control, which have population groups as recipients.

**Primary care** — initial-contact, accessible, continuous, comprehensive, and coordinated care that is accessible at the time of need, including a range of services for all presenting conditions, and the ability to coordinate referrals to other health care providers in the health care delivery system, when necessary.

### SECTION 4. THE MEDISERVE BARANGAY RECORDS OF HEALTH

The MSBR HEALTH shall be utilized, updated and maintained by all City Health Units and Barangay Health Centers in implementing its programs, projects and activities with special access by the Local Chief Executive of the City Government of Bacoor for tasking and monitoring of the delivery of health and medical services to all constituents covered by such City Health Units and/or Barangay Health Centers.

### SECTION 5. CONTENTS

The MSBR Health database will be comprised of the following information related to patients:

1. Name of the patient
2. Age of the patient
3. Complete address of the patient
4. Gender of the patient
5. Birthday of the patient
6. Religion of the patient
7. Concerns, services and/or medicines availed by the patient



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8. List and quantity of medicines that are prescribed and distributed to patients
9. Inventory of medicines released by the City Health Office to the said City Health Unit or Barangay Health Center including its expiration date, among others
10. Monitoring of the number of diseases and other illnesses that the City Health Unit or Barangay Health Center encountered, diagnosed and/or treated
11. Requests for additional allocation of medicines to the City Health Office
12. Reporting of outbreaks or uncontrollable spikes in the number of illnesses within the jurisdiction of the City Health Unit or Barangay Health Center; and
13. Whether the City Health Unit or Barangay Health Center has processed and/or performed other health and medical information and services on a patient.

### SECTION 6. ACCESS TO THE MSBR HEALTH.

The MSBR Health shall grant full access to the City Health Officer and a limited access to his/her authorized representative, who will be granted unique access codes that shall be personal and exclusive to them alone. The head of every respective City Health Unit or Barangay Health Center in the City of Bacoor shall be granted limited access to MSBR Health for the purpose of encoding entries and updating these entries for health and medical services performed. The MSBR Health shall also grant special access to the City Mayor that will enable him/her to view the data and information encoded by the various City Health Units and Barangay Health Centers in the City of Bacoor into the said database.

### SECTION 7. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MSBR HEALTH SOFTWARE.

The software shall be established or created by the E-Governance Department or the Management Information System Office of the City Government of Bacoor, in close coordination with the City Health Office. Updating and basic troubleshooting of the software, as well as major repair and intrusive access to the said software, shall be exclusively performed by the E-Governance Department or the Management Information System Office of the City of Bacoor.

### SECTION 8. INTEGRATION WITH BARANGAY UNIFORM INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM ORDINANCE.

The E-Governance Department and the Management Information System Office shall integrate the information collected under MSBR Health into the existing Barangay Uniform Information Management System established under City Ordinance No. 313-2023, Series of 2023.



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### SECTION 9. APPLICABILITY OF RELATED LAWS AND ISSUANCES.

In implementing this Ordinance, the City Government of Bacoor and all the officials and employees of the City Health Unit or Barangay Health Center shall ensure that all relevant laws and issuances will be strictly followed and complied with. As such, the City Government of Bacoor and all the officials and employees of the Barangay shall ensure that there will be no violation of the Data Privacy Law. All persons who gather and will have access to the data must sign a Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Agreement.

### SECTION 10. PENAL PROVISIONS

10.1. Prohibited Acts — Any person or group of persons, either private individuals or government employees, are liable for violation of this ordinance under the following instances:

- i) Intentional misdeclaration of patient information;
- ii) Tampering of patient information by unauthorized City Health Unit, City Health Office or City Government employees;
- iii) Distribution of medicines without proper prescription by the City Health Unit's Physician;
- iv) Prescription of medicines by persons other than the registered physician or his/her authorized medical nurse;
- v) Unauthorized access, retrieval, or disclosure of confidential patient records by any individual, whether affiliated with the City Health Unit, City Health Office, or any government agency, or a private entity;
- vi) Falsification of medical records or any document related to patient information by any person or group of persons;
- vii) Solicitation, acceptance, or offering of bribes, gifts, or any form of gratuity in exchange for preferential treatment, unauthorized access to medical services, or tampering with patient records;
- viii) Failure to adhere to established protocols and guidelines for the proper handling, storage, and disposal of medical records and pharmaceuticals within the City Health Unit;
- ix) Creation, distribution, or use of fraudulent prescriptions or medical documents for personal gain or any unlawful purpose;
- x) Discrimination or denial of medical services based on race, gender, religion, socioeconomic status, or any other prohibited factors;
- xi) Any act that compromises the confidentiality, integrity, or availability of patient information within



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the City Health Unit, including but not limited to hacking, data breaches, or other cybersecurity incidents;

- xii) Failure to report known or suspected violations of this ordinance by any individual, whether within or outside the City Health Unit.
- xiii) Failure to maintain accurate and up-to-date patient records, including medical history, diagnoses, treatments, and prescribed medications, within the City Health Units database or filing system;
- xiv) Engaging in fraudulent billing practices, including overcharging patients, falsifying invoices, or submitting false claims for reimbursement to government healthcare programs;
- xv) Retaliation against whistleblowers or individuals reporting violations of this ordinance, thereby discouraging the reporting of unethical or illegal activities within the City Health Unit;
- xvi) Misuse or misappropriation of medical resources, equipment, or supplies for personal gain or purposes unrelated to patient care; and
- xvii) Other analogous circumstances.

10.2. Penalty - Any person or group of persons who commit any of the prohibited acts as provided under the immediately preceding paragraph of this ordinance shall be penalized as follows:

First Offense	Reprimand and fine of Php 3,000.00 for every act or omission in violation of the foregoing provisions
Succeeding Offenses	Fine of Php 5,000.00 for every act or omission in violation of the foregoing provisions and imprisonment of one (1) month to six (6) months at the discretion of the

10.3. The penalty/ies provided under this ordinance shall not prejudice the filing of a separate criminal, administrative or civil liability against the offender.

### SECTION 11. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Within sixty (60) days from the date of effectivity of this Ordinance, the City Health Office, with assistance from City Legal Services Office, shall formulate the Implementing Rules and Regulations hereof for the approval of the City Mayor.



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### SECTION 12. SEPARABILITY.

In case any provision or part of any provision of this Ordinance is declared void or invalid by a competent court of law, the remaining provisions hereof not affected by the said judicial declaration shall remain valid and enforceable.

### SECTION 13. REPEAL.

All ordinances, resolutions, and issuances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

### SECTION 14. EFFECTIVITY.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after it has been published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the province of Cavite and after it has been posted in at least three (3) conspicuous public places within the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

**APPROVED** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024 at the City of Bacoor.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was duly approved by the 5<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

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