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**Introduced by Representatives PAOLO Z. DUTERTE, ERIC G. YAP,  
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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

Health is among the primary ministerial duty of the state, in cognizance of the constitutional mandate to protect and promote the right to health of the people and availability of health services. The most primordial in the fulfillment of the said mandate is ensuring that every Filipino is granted effective and sufficient medical services to guarantee their well-being.

In this regard, the state is tasked to institutionalize a regular check-up for its citizens in order to determine their potential health concerns to avoid further complications. Every citizen must be able to exercise his or her right to health without incurring any financial burden.


Hence, in accordance with the Republic Act No. 11223 or the *Universal Healthcare Act*, this bill seeks to institutionalize that the membership in the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) automatically entitles the member with free annual medical check-up which comprises blood sugar and cholesterol examinations and expanded laboratory and diagnostic tests. Granted that the state is tasked to accord quality healthcare to every Filipino, this proposed measure would address the healthcare's increasing cost in the country.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT  
PROVIDING FOR A FREE ANNUAL MEDICAL CHECK-UP FOR FILIPINOS  
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

**SECTION 1. *Short Title.*** - This Act shall be known as the "Free Annual Medical Check-Up Act."

**SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.*** - It is the policy of the State to support and promote the right to health by enhancing programs which focus on preventive and curative medicine that advance the health and well-being of Filipinos and prevent disease, disability, and death. Pursuant thereto, Filipinos shall be entitled to an annual medical check-up that is free of charge in any government hospital and institution.

**SEC. 3. *Coverage.*** - All Filipino Citizens, by virtue of their membership in the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) mandated under Republic Act No. 11223, or the "Universal Health Care Law", shall be entitled to the applicable benefits under the Philippine Health Insurance Program.

Members shall be entitled to a free annual medical check-up that shall include blood sugar and cholesterol tests. Laboratory and diagnostic tests shall be expanded, subject to the availability of PhilHealth funds.

**SEC. 4. *Schedule of Free Medical Check-Up.*** - To promote health, identify risks, and ensure early diagnosis, PhilHealth shall establish a system that allows access to a free annual medical check-up and ensure that Filipinos shall be accorded the quality health care services that they deserve.

**SEC. 5. *Appropriations.*** - The amount necessary to implement this Act shall be charged against the PhilHealth funds.

**SEC. 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** - The Department of Health shall, in coordination with PhilHealth, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act not later than ninety (90) days from its effectivity.

**SEC. 7. *Separability Clause.*** - If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

**SEC. 8. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations, inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SEC. 9. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,