



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN
MUNICIPALITY OF ANDA
OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 48
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PROVIDING FOR A TEMPORARY SHELTER/ACCOMMODATION FOR THE SAFETY AND PROTECTION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION OF HEALTH WORKERS IN RURAL HEALTH UNIT AND BARANGAY HEALTH FACILITIES CATERING TO COVID-19 PATIENTS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANDA, PANGASINAN

WHEREAS, with the implementation of the ECQ, health care workers experienced mobility constraints affecting hospital operations to the detriment of COVID-19 – afflicted patients and other patients seeking health care services. These health workers have exposed themselves to high risks in the performance of their duty and in the practice of their profession. Unfortunately, they have consequently been the subject of discrimination and social stigma;

WHEREAS, item H of Resolution No. 19 dated 03 April 2020 of the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases, denounces in the strongest of terms, acts of discrimination against healthcare workers, OFWs and COVID-19 cases, and enjoined LGUs to address such;

WHEREAS, Section 26 of the Republic Act 7305 (RA 7305): *Magna Carta of Public Health Workers* entitles public health workers to free living quarters within the premises of the health facility in which they are deployed if the situation so warrants. The same law provides for payment of quarters allowance in case of the inability of the health facility to provide for accommodation. In such arrangements, health workers are left with the responsibility to secure their own accommodation. With the discrimination and social stigma being experienced by health workers amid the COVID-19 crisis situation however, there is an urgent need for the national and local governments to intervene.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOGANIE C. RARANG, Municipal Mayor of Anda, Pangasinan, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. Responsibility of the LGU.

- 1.1. Provide for free, and/or extend assistance in securing, temporary shelter/accommodation for health workers deployed in Rural Health Unit and other public health facilities catering to COVID-19 patients, whether hired by the LGU or by the National Government. Said venue/establishments should be proximate to the designated RHU of the health workers, and should be reasonably accessible to them;
- 1.2. Should identify the venue/establishments and coordinate with the owners and/or authorized representatives to ensure that the place/venue will be ready for the occupancy the soonest possible time, as soon as health worker/s confirmed intent to avail of said accommodation;
- 1.3. Should be guided by the spirit and intent of Section 4, items (g), (h), (k) and (q) of RA 11496 that underscores full cooperation, private sector obligation, expeditious procurement and reasonable terms and compensation for venue/establishments that shall be tapped/engaged within the context of the COVID-19 crisis situation;
- 1.4. Cognizant of adjustments/preparations that will have to be made by the identified venue/establishments in line with ordinances that have been or may be issued pursuant to Section 192, Chapter V, Book II of RA 7160; and other applicable laws and policies;



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- 1.5. Ensure and take charge of proper and regular sanitation of the buildings used as temporary shelters of healthcare professionals; the provision of food and sanitary supplies with the premises to healthcare professionals accommodated; and the provision of the needed means of transportation to and from said temporary shelters to the clinics and/or RHU;
- 1.6. Shall coordinate with Department of Health (DOH) representatives in their respective regions/localities relative to arrangements for health workers hired by the National Government that are governed by DOH guidelines and other pertinent issuances;
- 1.7. To further promote the safety and protection of health workers against discrimination. LGUs are enjoined to issue the necessary executive order/enact ordinances or other policies that shall prohibit and penalize discriminatory acts inflicted upon health workers.

Section 2. Separability Clause.

If any of the provisions of this Order is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

Section 3. Repealing Clause.

All issuances inconsistent herewith are hereby superseded accordingly.

Section 4. Effectivity.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE this 13th day of April 2020 at Anda, Pangasinan, Philippines.


JOGANIE B. RARANG
Municipal Mayor