



Republic of the Philippines
City of Lipa

Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD HE
IN ITS SESSION HALL ON OCTOBER 3, 2011

PRESENT :

Hon. Lydio A. Lopez Jr. (Vice Mayor and Presiding Officer)

Members:

Hon. Merlo P. Silva
Hon. Eric B. Africa
Hon. Ma. Concepcion R. Hernandez
Hon. Avior R. Rocafort
Hon. Dy Pang Lim
Hon. Donato O. Linatoc
Hon. Dominador M. Mauhay
Hon. Raul A. Montealto
Hon. Aries D. Macala
Hon. Christian John Jessie B. Fonte

ABSENT :

Hon. Ralph Peter S. Umali
Hon. Marlon M. Luancing

On joint motion by Hon. Avior R. Rocafort, Hon. Ma. Concepcion R. Hernandez and Hon. Raul A. Montealto and jointly seconded by Hon. Merlo P. Silva and Hon. Eric B. Africa, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Lipa City approved the following :

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. II

ORDINANCE PROMULGATING A COMPREHENSIVE POLICY FOR ENSURING MANDATORY NEWBORN SCREENING IN THE CITY OF LIPA AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF

AUTHOR : HON. AVIOR R. ROCAFORT

WHEREAS, R.A. 9288 or Newborn Screening program of 2004 provides that it is the policy of the State to ensure protection and promotion of the right to health of the people, including the rights of children to survival and full and healthy development as normal individuals;

WHEREAS, in pursuit of such policy, the State institutionalized a national newborn screening system that is comprehensive, integrative and sustainable, and will facilitate collaboration among government and non-governmental agencies at the national and local levels, the private sector, families and communities, professional health organizations, academic institutions, and non-governmental organizations;

WHEREAS, this august body upholds the rights of children and adopts a comprehensive policy for strict implementation in the City of Lipa;

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod that:

SECTION 1. TITLE

This ordinance shall be known as "**Ordinance Promulgating a Comprehensive Policy for Ensuring Mandatory Newborn Screening in the City of Lipa and Appropriating Funds Thereof**"

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY

It is the policy of the State to ensure the protection and promotion on the right to health of the people, including the rights of children to survival and full and healthy development as normal individuals.

The Lipa City system of Newborn Screening shall ensure that every baby born in the city of Lipa is offered the opportunity to undergo free newborn screening and thus be spared from heritable conditions that can lead to mental retardation and death if undetected and untreated.

SECTION 3. OBJECTIVES

1. To ensure that every newborn has access to free newborn screening in the city of Lipa for certain heritable conditions that can result in mental retardation, serious health complications or death if undetected and untreated.
2. To ensure that all health practitioners are aware of the advantages of newborn screening and of their respective responsibilities in offering newborns the opportunity to undergo newborn screening.
3. To ensure that the parents recognize their responsibility in promoting their child's right to health and full development, within the context of responsible parenthood, by protecting their child from preventable causes of disability and death through newborn screening.

SECTION 4. NEWBORN SCREENING IMPLEMENTATION AND GUIDELINES

1. **Obligation to Inform** - Any health practitioner which includes physicians, nurses, midwives, nursing aides and traditional birth attendants whether in private or public hospitals, health centers or clinic who delivers or assist in the delivery of a newborn in the city of Lipa shall prior to delivery, inform the parents or legal guardian of the newborn of the availability, nature and benefits of newborn screening. They shall also inform the same of the Lipa City government program on newborn screening under the City Health Office and the procedure on the availment of such program for free.



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2. Performance in Newborn Screening - Newborn Screening shall be performed after twenty four (24) hours of life but not later than three (3) days from complete delivery of the newborn. A newborn that must be placed in intensive care in order to ensure survival may be exempted from the three-day requirement but must be tested by seven (7) days of age. It shall be the joint responsibility of the parent(s) and the practitioner or other person delivering the newborn to ensure that newborn screening is performed. An appropriate informational brochure for parents to assist in fulfilling this responsibility shall be made available by the City Health Office of Lipa City and shall be distributed to all health institutions and made available to any health practitioner requesting it for appropriate distribution.

3. Continuing Education, Re-education and Training of Health Personnel - The City Health Office with the assistance of DOH, National Health Institute, other government agencies, professional societies and non-government organizations shall conduct continuing information, education, re-education and training program for health personnel on the rationale, benefits, procedures of newborn screening and disseminate information material on newborn screening at least annually to all health personnel involved in maternal and pediatric care.

4. The City Health Office shall conduct information, education, disseminate information materials on newborn screening and to include the same as requirement to acquire marriage license.

SECTION 5. The City Health Office shall within thirty (30) days from the enactment of this ordinance shall promulgate the rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this ordinance. Submit the same for review of the Sangguniang Panlungsod after which the approval of the City Mayor.

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION

The city government shall allocate fund of not less than P1,200,000.00 for the newborn screening program of the City Health Office.

SECTION 7. PENALTIES - Erring government employees found to be liable and depending on the gravity of the offense shall be meted with the following penalties:

First Offense	-	Reprimand or Warning
Second Offense	-	Suspension for 1-30 days
Third Offense	-	Dismissal from Office

SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

If for any reason any provision of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. REPEALING CLAUSE

All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations and administrative regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

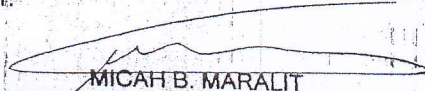
SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE

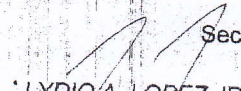
This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, this 3rd day of October, 2011.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing excerpt from the minutes of the regular session of the Sangguniang Panlungsod held in its session hall on October 3, 2011.

ATTESTED:


MICAH B. MARALIT
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod


LYDIO A. LOPEZ JR.
Vice Mayor and Presiding Officer

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MEYNARDO A. SABILI
City Mayor

**MANDATORY NEWBORN SCREENING IN THE CITY OF LIPA
GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 11**

IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS

A. CRITERIA IN AVAILING FREE NBS:

1. Mother of newborn must be a resident of Lipa City – must present her Voter's ID.
2. Mother of newborn had quality pre natal care – must present her pink card.
3. Newborn delivered in government hospital.

B. CRITERIA IN AVAILING 50% DISCOUNT IN NBS

1. Mother of newborn must be a resident of Lipa City – must present her Voter's ID.
2. Mother of newborn had at least three (3) pre natal visits.
3. Newborn delivered in government hospital.

C. CRITERIA IN AVAILING 25% DISCOUNT IN NBS

1. Mother of newborn must be a resident of Lipa City – must present her Voter's ID

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