

# Republic of the Philippines Region IV-A (Calabarzon) PROVINCE OF CAVITE MUNICIPALITY OF GENERAL TRIAS

### OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 12-04

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AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE NEWBORN SCREENING PROGRAM OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF GENERAL TRIAS AND MANDATING ALL STAKEHOLDERS TO FULLY IMPLEMENT REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9288 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NEWBORN SCREENING ACT OF 2004.

WHEREAS, newborn screening is an important public health strategy that enables early detection of several inborn errors of metabolism, which if left untreated may have adverse effect on a baby's health;

WHEREAS, congenital disorders are silent or a symptomatic conditions at birth that if undetected or detected later in life could lead to mental retardation and death;

WHEREAS, newborn screening provides the opportunity for early treatment of diseases that are diagnosed before symptoms appear, thus providing affected newly born babies the chance to grow and develop normally;

WHEREAS, newborn screening detects silent metabolic conditions as early as the first week of life and it can prevent death in some instances such as salt wasting in congenital adrenal hyperplasia;

WHEREAS, newborn screening blood collection procedures are safe, simple, relatively inexpensive and yield reliable results;

WHEREAS, newborn screening spares family and communities the burden and expense of caring for sick and retarded individuals and it provides healthy and productive citizens to society;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9288 mandates the establishment and integration of a sustainable and newborn screening system within the public health delivery system;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of General Trias through the Municipal Health Office supports the newborn screening program of the government by offering free newborn screening to babies of indigent families of the Municipality.

WHEREAS, the Municipality of General Trias, being a strong advocate of the rights of children to live normal and healthy lives, believes that newborn screening can save newborn babies from retardation and death, and therefore, it (newborn screening) must be an integral part of routine newborn care within the Municipality;

WHEREFORE, on motion of SB Member Kerby J. Salazar duly seconded by all Members present,

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Be it Ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of General Trias in session assembled, that:

## ARTICLE I GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known as AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE NEWBORN SCREENING PROGRAM OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF GENERAL TRIAS AND MANDATING ALL STAKEHOLDERS TO FULLY IMPLEMENT REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9288 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NEWBORN SCREENING ACT OF 2004.

#### SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY

It is the policy of the Municipal Government of General Trias to uphold the rights of children to live normal and healthy lives. In pursuit of this policy, the newborn screening program is being implemented to screen babies from congenital metabolism disorders that if undetected, or detected only later in life, can lead to devastating health conditions such as mental retardation and death.

#### **SECTION 3. OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the General Trias Newborn Screening Program are:

- 1. To screen newborn babies from congenital metabolic disorders such as:
  - a. Congenital hypothyroidism
  - b. Congenital adrenal hyperplasia
  - c. Galactosemia
  - d. Phenylketonuria
  - e. Glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenize deficiency
- 2. To institute early intervention to those babies found positive for metabolic disorders.
- 3. To provide counseling to parents of children with congenital metabolic disorders.

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- 4. To provide free newborn screening to babies of indigent families.
- 5. To monitor the compliance of all stakeholders specially the birthing facilities and birth attendants to the provisions of Republic Act No. 9288 of the Newborn Screening Act of 2004.

# ARTICLE II DEFINITIONS OF TERMS

SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS

Under this Ordinance, the following terms shall have the definitions specifically given to them below:

- 1. Congenital hypothyroidism- a disorder affecting infants from birth, and is due to the absence or deficiency of the thyroid hormone. If untreated, this will lead to mental or growth retardation.
- 2. Congenital Adrenal hyperplasia- a metabolic disorder characterized by abnormal level of cortisol, aldosterone, or androgen. If untreated, this may lead to genital or sexual abnormalities or death.
- 3. Galactosemia- a hereditary disorder characterized by the body's inability to use galactose as a source of energy. This may lead to certain complications such as cataract, liver and kidney diseases, brain damage and death.
- 4. Phenylketonuria- a metabolic disorder characterized by high serum level of phenylalanine. If untreated, this may lead to severe mental retardation, epilepsy and personality disorder.
- 5. Glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenize deficiency- a metabolic disorder characterized by decreased level of G6PD enzyme. If untreated, this may lead to mental retardation and death.
- 6. PNCU- Pre-natal checkup
- 7. RHU- Rural Health Unit

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- 8. BNS- Barangay Health Station
- 9. NBS- Newborn Screening

## ARTICLE III NEWBORN SCREENING PROGRAM POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

SECTION 5.

The following shall be the operational guidelines of the General Trias Newborn Screening Program:

- 1. The Rural Health Unit in Barangay Sampalucan shall be the Newborn Screening Facility of the Municipality of General Trias. All Barangay Health Stations within the Municipality may refer eligible babies for free newborn screening to the said facility.
- 2. The newborn screening shall be done after 24 hours of life and preferably not later than 3 days after delivery. But not for the purpose of maximizing the coverage of the program to the indigent residents and those who reside in hard to reach areas within the Municipality, the General Trias NBS Facility may accept babies born after 3 days but not after 10 days of life.
- 3. The screening shall be offered free to indigent newborn babies. But in order to support the sustainability of the NBS Program, and instill the sense of responsibility to the parents, the NBS facility may require socialized NBS fee to those who can afford to pay. The Sangguniang Bayan (SB) Committee on Health along with the Municipal Health Office shall develop the Implementing Rules and Regulations for this socialized NBS fee.
  - 3.a. Administrative Order 2005-0005 standardization of the NBS fee at Php550.00 and setting the maximum allowable service fee at Php50.00.
- 4. Only trained health personnel are allowed to do newborn screening procedures.

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- 5. Requirements for the Free Newborn Screening Program:
  - a. Parents or any of the parents must be a bonafide resident of General Trias. The Newborn Screening Coordinator may require certification coming from barangay officials in order to verify the residency of the parents availing of free newborn screening program.
  - Mother must have at least three (3) pre-natal consultations at the RHU or BHS where she resides.
  - c. Referral letter coming from the Rural Health Midwife of the barangay where the mother had her PNCU.
- 6. Until the approval of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the socialized NBS fee, newborn babies whose parents can afford to pay the newborn screening fee, or those who were not able to comply with the requirements of the program shall be referred to the nearest private NBS facilities for newborn screening.
- 7. All babies who screened positive shall be referred to National, Institute for Health or its nearest accredited facilities for confirmatory tests.
- 8. All babies who will be confirmed positive for congenital metabolic disorder shall be referred to appropriate specialty clinics for definitive management of disorder or whenever necessary. Parents shall be counselled on the supportive management of the disease.
- 9. Newborn screening advocacy and promotion shall be an integral part of all health education and IEC (information, education communication) activities of the Municipal Health Office and its facilities.
- 10. All health practitioners/personnel, whether from public or private health institutions, who deliver or assist in the delivery of newborn, or those who conduct pre-natal checkup within the Municipality, are obliged to inform the parents or legal guardian of the newborn or the pregnant women of the availability and benefits of newborn screening.

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11. An information sheet stating that the concerned health practitioner/personnel have complied with the mandate of the preceding paragraph must be signed by the pregnant women, or any of the parents/legal guardians of the newborn.

# ARTICLE IV IMPLEMENTATION

SECTION 6.

In order to implement the Free Newborn Screening Program, the Municipal Government of General Trias shall appropriate an annual budget for the said program that will be sourced from the 20% Municipal Development Fund (MDF).

SECTION 7.

It shall be the goal of this program to screen eligible newborn in order to save them from possible mental retardation and death.

SECTION 8.

All stakeholders, such as birthing facilities and/or birth attendants shall be required to fully implement Republic Act No. 9288 or the Newborn Screening Act of 2004 and shall be required to submit monthly accomplishment report to their NBS activities.

### ARTICLE V MONITORING

SECTION 9.

It shall be the duty of the Municipal Health Office to monitor the Level of Implementation of the Newborn Screening Program and recommend measures to further improve it.

SECTION 10.

The Municipal Health Office is mandated to monitor the level of compliance of all birthing facilities within the Municipality with regards to the provisions of RA 9288.

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## ARTICLE VI PENAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 11.

Individuals or institutions that will be found to have deliberately neglected or violated Paragraph 10 and Paragraph 11 of Section 5 and Section 8 of this Ordinance shall be imposed with the following sanctions and penalties:

1. For public or municipal health personnel:

FIRST OFFENSE

Reprimand

SECOND OFFENSE

Suspension for one (1) to thirty (30) days

THIRD OFFENSE

Dismissal from office

 For private individuals or institutions/facilities offering pre/postnatal and birth delivery services:

FIRST OFFENSE

Fine of Php500.00

SECOND OFFENSE -

Fine of Php1,000.00

THIRD OFFENSE

Fine of Php1,500.00 and/or recommendation for suspension of business permit to operate or

Health and Sanitary Permit or Occupational/Mayor's Permit.

# ARTICLE VII FINAL PROVISIONS

### SECTION 12. REPEALING CLAUSE

All executive orders, administrative regulations, and ordinances, or any parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 13. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

If, for any reason or reasons, any part of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be declared to be invalid, other provision or provisions hereof which are not

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affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 14. EFFECTIVITY

This Ordinance shall take effect after publication on local newspaper or posting in conspicuous places in the municipality.

ENACTED on 19 JUNE 2012.

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