Republic of the Philippines
Province of Cebu
MUNICIPALITY OF ASTURIAS

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 30
SERIES OF 2023

"AN ORDER SETTING GUIDELINES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SAFE MOTHERHOOD AND THE USE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ASTURIAS' BIRTHING CENTER, PROVIDING FEES FOR THE ADMINSTRATION THEREOF AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR ITS VIOLATION"

WHEREAS, according to statistical data from our Rural Health Unit (RHU), the number of births performed at home by traditional birth attendants (hilots) has recently increased and in compliance to Municipal Ordinance No. 26 S. 2010

WHEREAS, Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child's Health **(**PMNCH) goals are inextricably linked and address critical priorities to improve the health and well-being of women, children, and adolescents everywhere, supporting the achievemet of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);

WHEREAS, the DOH is collaborating with Local Government Units in establishing sustainable, cost-effective approach of delivering health services that ensure access of disadvantaged women to acceptable and high quality maternal and new born health services and enable them to safely give birth in health facilities near their homes and establishing core knowledge base and support systems that facilitate the delivery of quality maternal and new born health services in the country;

WHEREAS, due to financial constraints, many women were forced to give birth at home under the care of traditional birth attendant;

WHEREAS, the Regional Coordinator of the Department of Health Region VII (DOH – 7), Dr. Chona C. Salang, encouraged that childbirth should be done in hospitals, birthing homes, and lying-in centers where highly trained health care professionals could handle the delivery better;

WHEREAS, the precautionary advice of the DOH to mothers is intended to curb maternal death cases due to complications during giving births;

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Order is to eradicate or at least reduce maternal deaths and / or illnesses of the mothers who are undergoing prenatal, delivery and postnatal treatment at the Municipality of Asturias' Birthing Center and / or Rural Health Unit;

WHEREAS, all prenatal, delivery and post natal services shall be performed only by skilled birth attendants who may either be a licensed physician, nurse or midwife. All childbirth shall only be done in hospitals, birthing centers or barangay health centers/lying-in centers where highly trained health care professionals could handle the delivery better;

NOW THEREFORE, I, DANA ANDREW M. DUMDUM, Municipal Mayor of the Municipality of Asturias, Cebu, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, and in compliance to, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF TRADITIONAL BIRTH ATTENDANTS (HILOTS). The functions and duties of traditional birth attendants shall only be limited to supportive care and services during prenatal, perinatal and postpartum stage of mothers, to wit:

1. Assist in the formulation of birth plan for pregnant mothers;
2. Guide/identify/locate/report all pregnant mothers to the Rural Health Unit;
3. Act as companion in the birthing center during labor and delivery of the mother;
4. Assist the midwife in the preparation of the delivery room in the birthing clinic;
5. Assist the midwife during the labor watch;
6. May run errands when necessary;
7. Assist mothers to initiate breastfeeding within thirty (30) minutes to one (1) hour after the delivery;
8. To report midwife any untoward postpartum complication.l

SECTION 2. CHARGES FOR THE USE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ASTURIAS' BIRTHING CENTER. In order for one to use the Municipality's Birthing Center and avail of its services, the patient or her representative shall pay to the Municipal Treasurer's Office the following:

Php 1,500.00	-	Patients who are residents of Asturias
Php 3,500.00	-	Patients who are not residents of Asturias
Php 1, 800.00	-	Standard payment for the newborn screening whether residents or non-residents of Asturias (newborn kit c/o patient)

SECTION 3. PROCEEDS FOR THE USE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ASTURIAS BIRTHING CENTER

A. Out of the payment made by the residents of Asturias in the amount of One Thousand Five Hundred (P1,500 Pesos, Five Hundred (P500.00) Pesos of which shall accrue to the Municipality's General Fund under the Special Account Name: Operation of Asturias' Birthing Center; and
B. Out of the Three Thousand Five Hundred (P3, 500.00) Pesos paid by the non-residents of Asturias, Two Thousand Five Hundred (P2, 500.00) Pesos of which shall accrue to the Municipality's General Fund under the Special Account Name: Operation of Asturias' Birthing Center.
   *All operating and maintenance cost of the Asturias Birthing Center shall be charged thereof.
C. The excess amount of One Thousand (1,000.00) Pesos paid under items A&B above shall serve as honorarium for the RHU Personnel on duty who assisted or attended in the delivery of the baby.
D. The Six Hundred (P600.00) Pesos is intended solely for the payment of newborn screening.

SECTION 4. PENALTY CLAUSE.

4.1 FOR THE TRADITIONAL BIRTH ATTENDANT – Any traditional birth attendant *(hilot)* who shall perform prenatal, delivery and postnatal services on mothers within the Municipality of Asturias not in accordance with the functions and duties enumerated in Section 3 hereof, or shall exceed or go beyond the same to the detriment of the mothers shall be penalized as follows:

1st Offense	-	revocation of the privilege recognized traditional birth attendant *(hilot)* in the municipality
2nd Offense	-	Fine of One Thousand (1,500.00) Pesos and
3rd Offense	-	Fine of Two Thousand Five Hundred (2,500.00) Pesos and/or imprisonment

4.2. FOR OTHERS CONCERNED - Any person who violates this Ordinance shall be penalized by a fine not exceeding One Thousand (1,000.00) Pesos or imprisonment not exceeding six (6) months or both at the discretion of the Court.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVITY

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall amend / or repeal all orders inconsistent herewith.

Done this 17th day of April 2023 at the Municipality of Asturias, Cebu, Philippines.

DANA ANDREW M. DUMDUM
Municipal Mayor

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