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Introduced by Rep. BERNADETTE R. HERRERA-DY

RESOLUTION

URGING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE LEGALITY OF, AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN, THE ACTIONS OF FORTUNE MEDICARE, INC. (FORTUNE CARE) IN NO LONGER RENEWING THE NON-LIFE INSURANCE CONTRACTS OF EXISTING MEMBERS.

WHEREAS, Fortune Medicare, Inc. (hereinafter, "Fortune Care") is a pioneering health maintenance organization in the Philippines, providing comprehensive and quality healthcare services to Filipinos since 1985;¹

WHEREAS, Fortune Care has announced to its members that due to an accounting system failure, it shall no longer accept new members or renew the HMO contracts of existing members, and that repair of the system will take from six months to one year;²

WHEREAS, Fortune Care has approximately 100,000 HMO members nationwide;

WHEREAS, it is widely accepted practice in the HMO industry that coverage will exclude members who apply for new coverage with already pre-existing medical conditions;

WHEREAS, the Insurance Commission has stated that the decision to renew or not to renew existing member contracts is a "business call";³

WHEREAS, the actions of Fortune Care would gravely prejudice its numerous existing members in acquiring the same or similar medical coverage from counterpart HMOs due to the existence of pre-existing conditions;

BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the members of the House of Representatives of the Philippines, urging the appropriate House Committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, into the legality of, and the circumstances in, the actions of Fortune Care in no longer renewing the non-life insurance contracts of existing members.

Adopted,


BERNADETTE HERRERA-DY

¹ Fortune Medicare, Inc. "About Us", [http://www.fortunecare.com.ph/About_Us/index.aspx]

² As reported by ABS-CBN News, "TV Patrol" 8 February 2017.

³ *ibid.*