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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Resolution No. 496



Introduced by the Honorable Precious Hipolito Castelo

**A RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID
OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE ALLEGED FAILURE OF THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH
INSURANCE CORPORATION (PHILHEALTH) TO REIMBURSE ACCREDITED
HOSPITALS FOR THEIR EXPENSES IN ATTENDING TO THE MEDICAL PROBLEMS OF
PHILHEALTH MEMBERS**

WHEREAS, the Private Hospitals Association of the Philippines, Inc. (PHAPi) through its President, Dr. Rustico Jimenez, recently said in an open letter that most PhilHealth-accredited hospitals have yet to receive their reimbursements from PhilHealth, which now amounts to around PhP2.5 Billion;

WHEREAS, PHAPi also threatened that its 600 member hospitals will not be renewing their PhilHealth accreditation for next year;

WHEREAS, while PhilHealth Chief Ricardo Morales has downplayed the declaration of Dr. Jimenez as an "empty threat" alleging that this is the statement of one person, and not of the whole association, it is still very important to look into the veracity of these allegations;

WHEREAS, Health Secretary Francisco Duque said that if in case these 600 private hospitals unilaterally withdraw their accreditation from PhilHealth, it will be to the public's detriment, as this may lead to private hospitals refusing to serve Filipinos;

WHEREAS, Duque also said that this move might compromise the implementation of the Universal Health Care Act, which is expected to roll-out next year;

WHEREAS, it is within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Health to investigate all matters directly and principally relating to public health and hygiene, and quarantine, medical, hospital and other health facilities and services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives to direct the Committee on Health to conduct an investigation, in aid of legislation, into the alleged failure of the PhilHealth to reimburse accredited private hospitals for their expenses in attending to the medical problems of PhilHealth members.

ADOPTED,


PRECIOUS HIPOBITO CASTELO

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