

August 08, 2019

**Senator RICHARD J. GORDON**  
Chairperson  
Committee on Government Corporations  
And Public Enterprises  
Senate of the Philippines  
Pasay City

**Dear Senator Gordon:**

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) supports Senate Bill No. 100 entitled "An Act Converting the National Center for Geriatric Health into a Corporate Body to be Known as the National Center for Geriatric Health and Research Institute, and Appropriating Funds Therefor", authored by Senator Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel III.

To contribute to the bill's enhancement, we are recommending the following:

**1. Section 6 - Scope of Services**

On letter d, include UP Manila's Institute of Health-Ageing as one possible research partner.

**2. Section 7 - Board of Trustees**

To include representatives from the Philippine College of Geriatric Medicine (PCGM) and Gerontology Nurses Association of the Philippines (GNAP) as possible members of the Board.

**3. Section 22 - Program for Indigents**

This program may include requiring all existing public hospitals to allocate funds for geriatric health services for the indigent senior citizens to avail immediate medical intervention within the locality, such as but not limited to medical facilities and equipment necessary to provide long term and palliative services with its wards divided into the following: dementia, long term care, palliative care, respite care and other units as may be necessary.

Attached is a copy of the DSWD's Official Position Paper in the 17<sup>th</sup> Congress which was received by the House Committee on Health on November 14, 2016 for reference.

For the Committee's consideration.

Very truly yours,



**ROLANDO JOSELITO D. BAUTISTA**  
Secretary

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**REPRESENTATIVE ANGELINA D.L. TAN**

Chairperson

Committee on Health

House of Representatives

Quezon City

Dear Representative Tan:


The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) supports House Bill No. 386 or "An Act Converting the National Center for Geriatric Health (NCGH) into a Corporate Body to be Known as the National Center for Geriatric Health and Research Institute (NCGHRI), and Appropriating Funds Therefor," authored by Rep. Rosenda Ann Ocampo.

To contribute to the bill's enhancement, we are also proposing the following:

1. On Section 6, Scope of Services, d: Include UP Manila's Institute of Health-Ageing as one possible research partner.
2. On Section 7. Board of Trustees: Include representatives from the Philippine College of Geriatric Medicine (PCGM) and Gerontology Nurses Association of the Philippines (GNAP) as possible members of the Board.
3. On Section 22, Program for Indigents: This program may include requiring all existing public hospitals to allocate funds for geriatric health services for the indigent senior citizens to avail immediate medical intervention within the locality, such as but not limited to medical facilities and equipment necessary to provide long term and palliative services with its wards divided into the following: dementia, long term care, palliative care, respite care and other units as may be necessary.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

  
JUDY M. TAGUIWALO  
Secretary

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