

**HONORABLE ROSANNA "RIA" V. VERGARA**

Chairperson  
Committee on Social Services  
House of Representatives  
Quezon City

Dear **Representative VERGARA**,

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) **supports House Bills Numbered 498** (Rep. Stell Luz A. Quimbo), **998** (Rep. Rosemarie C. Panotes), **1940** (Reps. Yedda Marie K Romualdez and Jude A. Acidre), **2480** (Rep. Paul R. Daza), and **3386** (Rep. Keith Micah "Atty. Mike" D.L. Tan) on the **proposed institutionalization of the Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation (AICS) Program of the DSWD.**

The Department however, suggests harmonizing the bills into one consolidated bill taking into consideration also the Department's Administration Bill on the Institutionalization of Crisis Intervention Program.

To contribute to the all the bills' enhancement, the DSWD respectfully recommends the following:

**1. For all the Bills under SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy**

To enhance this Section, to read as, ***Section 2. DECLARATION OF POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES – IT IS THE POLICY OF THE STATE TO PROMOTE A JUST AND DYNAMIC SOCIAL ORDER ALLEVIATING THE PLIGHT OF THE POOR THROUGH POLICIES THAT PROVIDE ADEQUATE SOCIAL SERVICES AND RAISE THE STANDARD OF LIVING FOR THE IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL. TOWARDS THIS END, THE STATE SHALL PROVIDE ASSISTANCE THROUGH PROGRAMS, PROJECTS, AND SERVICES THAT SUPPORT THE RECOVERY OF ELIGIBLE BENEFICIARIES AS DEFINED HEREIN.***

**2. For all the Bills under SEC. 3. Definition of Terms**

**2.1** To adopt the definition of terms and Program Coverage stated in the existing guidelines of the DSWD MC 16 s 2022 or "The updated guidelines for the implementation of the Assistance to Individual in Crisis Situation Program" such as Medical Assistance, Funeral Assistance, Transportation Assistance, Food Assistance, Cash Assistance for other Support Services, Material Assistance, Psychosocial Support, Referral Services, etc., to wit:

**“FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE** – A SERVICE PROVIDED IN A FORM OF CASH, GUARANTEE LETTER, AND OTHER MODES OF DELIVERY OF SERVICE ISSUED TO QUALIFIED CLIENTS TO COVER MEDICAL, FUNERAL, TRANSPORTATION, EDUCATIONAL, FOOD, AND OTHER NEEDS OF THE CLIENT THAT IS NOT COVERED BY THE FOREGOING.

**FOOD ASSISTANCE** – THIS IS A FORM OF ASSISTANCE GIVEN TO BENEFICIARIES TO MEET THE NEED FOR FOOD AND OTHER NUTRITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SUSTENANCE. THE ASSISTANCE MAY ALSO BE PROVIDED THROUGH OUTRIGHT CASH TO SUPPLEMENT THE TRANSPORTATION AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.

**FUNERAL ASSISTANCE** – THIS ASSISTANCE SHALL COVER FUNERAL AND OTHER RELATED EXPENSES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, EXPENSES IN BRINGING THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED TO HIS OR HER RESIDENCE/HOMETOWN, INTERMENT, CREMATION, AND/OR BURIAL SITE IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXISTING CUSTOMARY PRACTICES OF THE FAMILY ESPECIALLY AMONG INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES/INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (IPS) AND MOROS.

FUNERAL AND RELATED EXPENSES DUE TO A DISASTER, CALAMITY, AND/OR CRITICAL EVENTS OR SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES RESULTING IN ONE OF MULTIPLE CASUALTIES WITHIN THE FAMILY MAY ALLOW THE SURVIVING FAMILY MEMBER/IMMEDIATE RELATIVE OF THE DECEASED TO REQUEST OUTRIGHT CASH ASSISTANCE SUBJECT TO THE ASSESSMENT OF THE DSWD SOCIAL WORKER, WITHOUT THE NEED OF A SOCIAL CASE STUDY REPORT (SCSR).

**MATERIAL ASSISTANCE** – REFERS TO THE PROVISION OF FOOD AND NON-FOOD ITEMS TO BENEFICIARIES WHO NEED IMMEDIATE MATERIAL SUPPORT, SUCH AS BUT NOT LIMITED TO FOOD PACKS OR VOUCHERS, HYGIENE OR SLEEPING KITS, AND ASSISTIVE DEVICES AND TECHNOLOGIES, SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF THE MATERIAL ASSISTANCE.

**MEDICAL ASSISTANCE** – THIS ASSISTANCE SHALL COVER HOSPITALIZATION EXPENSES, COST OF MEDICINES, AND OTHER MEDICAL TREATMENT OR PROCEDURES, SUCH AS IMPLANTS, COMMON LABORATORY TESTS AND DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING PROCEDURES FOR ANY ILLNESS OR AILMENT, INCLUDING POSTPARTUM COMPLICATIONS, AND ALSO PROVISION OF ASSISTIVE DEVICES.

A CLIENT MAY BE GIVEN ASSISTANCE BASED ON A HOSPITAL BILL ONLY ONCE. ADDITIONALLY, AN IN-PATIENT BENEFICIARY MAY REQUEST OTHER ASSISTANCE IN THE EVENT THAT THE NEEDED MEDICINE/S OR TREATMENT OF THE PATIENT IS NOT AVAILABLE AT THE HOSPITAL OF CONFINEMENT.

OTHER HEALTH CARE EXPENSES, SUCH AS, IMMUNIZATION, BIRTHING (INCLUDING CESAREAN DELIVERY), AND PURCHASE OF VITAMINS AND OTHER SUPPLEMENTS, WHICH ARE NOT RELATED TO MEDICAL TREATMENT OR AFTERCARE SHALL NOT BE COVERED BY THIS ASSISTANCE.

**PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT SERVICE** – A SERVICE PROVIDED BY TRAINED OR PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT WORKERS TO HELP MEET THE PSYCHOLOGICAL, EMOTIONAL, AND SOCIAL NEEDS OF BENEFICIARIES AND THEIR FAMILIES. IT IS A SET OF INTERVENTIONS THAT INTENDS TO POSITIVELY IMPROVE A PERSON'S BEHAVIOR TO REDUCE THE IMPACT OF STRESS BROUGHT ABOUT BY A CRISIS THROUGH BEHAVIORAL MODIFICATION INTERVENTIONS.

**TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE** – THE ASSISTANCE FOR THE PURCHASE OR PAYMENT OF TRANSPORT (AIR/SEA/LAND) TICKETS AND/OR EXPENSES FOR TRAVELS OF BENEFICIARY/CLIENT, WITHIN THE PHILIPPINES, FOR PURPOSES NOT LIMITED TO: RETURN TO HOME PROVINCES PERMANENTLY, OR SEEK MEDICAL INTERVENTIONS/S IN ANOTHER PLACE, OR ATTENDANCE TO EMERGENCY CONCERNS, SUCH AS, DEATH OR CARE OF SICK LOVED ONES, RESCUE OF ABUSED RELATIVES, OR EVENTS OF DISASTER/CALAMITY THAT REQUIRE IMMEDIATE PRESENCE OF THE BENEFICIARY/CLIENT.

**REFERRAL SERVICES** – A SERVICE PROVIDED WHEN THE REQUESTED SUPPORT IS NOT WITHIN THE RANGE OF THE SERVICES OF CIP THROUGH COORDINATION AND/OR ENDORSEMENT OF THE BENEFICIARY'S CASE WITHIN THE DSWD'S AVAILABLE PROGRAMS, PROJECTS AND SERVICES AND TO OTHER AGENCIES SUCH AS BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH), PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES OFFICE (PCSO), PHILIPPINE AMUSEMENT AND GAMING CORPORATION (PAGCOR), LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUS), AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES (GA), CIVIL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS (CSO), AND INTERNATIONAL/NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS (I/NGO).

## 2.2 To add the following Terms and their Definitions

- A. **AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES** REFERS TO ANY PERSON OF LEGAL AGE WHO REPRESENTS A BENEFICIARY WHO, FOR VALID REASON/S, CANNOT BE PHYSICALLY PRESENT IN PROCESSING AND CLAIMING THE ASSISTANCE REQUESTED.
- B. **BENEFICIARY** REFERS TO THE PERSON WHO ACTUALLY NEEDS THE ASSISTANCE BEING SOUGHT FROM THE DSWD.
- C. **CLIENT** REFERS TO ANY INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP, WHO MAY BE THE BENEFICIARY OR THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE, WHO SEEKS ASSISTANCE THROUGH DSWD.
- D. **CROSS MATCHING** REFERS TO A PROCESS OF COUNTER CHECKING OF INFORMATION OR DATA SETS, SUCH AS THE DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE OF BENEFICIARIES, BY THE DSWD PERSONNEL THROUGH THE EXISTING INFORMATION SYSTEM OF THE DEPARTMENT.
- E. **CASE MANAGEMENT** - FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS LAW, CASE MANAGEMENT REFERS TO THE INTERACTIVE PROCESS IN WHICH THE SOCIAL WORKER AND THE CLIENT CONSCIOUSLY WORK TOGETHER TOWARD A REASONABLE RESOLUTION OF THE CLIENT'S CRISIS SITUATION.
- F. **CRISIS SITUATION** REFERS TO A TIME IN THE INDIVIDUALS' LIFE WHEN THEY EXPERIENCE A BREAKDOWN OR DISRUPTION IN THEIR USUAL OR NORMAL DAILY ACTIVITIES OR FAMILY FUNCTIONING. SUCH DISRUPTION PREVENTS THEM FROM ADEQUATELY PERFORMING THEIR SOCIAL ROLES AND FUNCTIONS, AND MAY LEAD THEM INTO WORSENERD LIFE SITUATIONS.
- G. **GROUPS** REFERS TO A CLUSTER OF INDIVIDUALS WHO BELONG TO THE SAME ORGANIZATION, CLASSIFICATION AND/OR SECTOR THAT IS FORMED DUE TO ONE COMMON PURPOSE OR REQUEST.
- H. **INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES** - REFERS TO INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN CRISIS SITUATIONS NEEDING SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT INTERVENTION ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO CANNOT BE ACCOMMODATED BY THE LGUS.
- I. **COMMUNITIES** - REFERS TO A SOCIAL GROUP OF ANY SIZE WHOSE MEMBERS RESIDE IN A SPECIFIC LOCALITY THAT ARE

IN CRISIS AND IN NEED OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT INTERVENTION.

**J. FINANCIALLY INCAPACITATED PATIENT** REFERS TO A PATIENT/BENEFICIARIES WHO IS NOT CLASSIFIED AS INDIGENT BUT DEMONSTRATES CLEAR INABILITY TO PAY OR SPEND FOR NECESSARY EXPENDITURES FOR ONE'S MEDICAL TREATMENT, SUCH AS PATIENTS WITH CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS OR ANY ILLNESS, WHICH IS LIFE OR LIMB-THREATENING AND REQUIRES PROLONGED HOSPITALIZATION, EXTREMELY EXPENSIVE THERAPIES OR OTHER SPECIAL BUT ESSENTIAL CARE THAT WOULD DEplete ONE'S FINANCIAL RESOURCES, AS ASSESSED AND CERTIFIED BY THE MEDICAL SOCIAL WORKER;

**K. INSTITUTIONALIZATION** REFERS TO THE ACT OF ESTABLISHING THE CIP AS A MAJOR FUNCTION OF THE DSWD AND A REGULAR PROGRAM FUNDED BY ITS ANNUAL APPROPRIATION AND ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE/UNITS/SECTIONS IN ALL DSWD OFFICES EQUIPPED WITH

**L. VULNERABLE, DISADVANTAGED AND MARGINALIZED** REFERS TO AN INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP WHO BELONGS TO SECTORS SUCH AS BUT NOT LIMITED TO FARMER-PEASANT, ARTISANAL FISHERFOLK, CULTURAL COMMUNITIES, WOMEN, PERSONS WITH DISABILITY, SENIOR CITIZENS, VICTIMS OF CALAMITIES AND DISASTERS, YOUTH AND STUDENTS, CHILDREN, AND URBAN POOR; THAT HAS LIMITED RESOURCES OR OPPORTUNITIES IN ACCESSING HEALTH CARE, EDUCATION, JUSTICE SYSTEM, AND OTHER BASIC GOVERNMENT SERVICES AND THOSE WHO HAVE HIGH RISK OF EXPOSURE TO POSSIBLE RISKS IN RELATION TO INVOLVEMENT IN HARMFUL PRACTICES.

**M. SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT WORKER** - REFERS TO THOSE EMPLOYED IN GOVERNMENT SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES.

**N. POOR** REFERS TO HOUSEHOLDS WHOSE INCOME FALLS BELOW THE POVERTY THRESHOLD AS DEFINED BY THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (NEDA) AND CANNOT AFFORD IN A SUSTAINED MANNER TO PROVIDE THEIR MINIMUM BASIC NEEDS OF FOOD, HEALTH, EDUCATION, HOUSING AND OTHER ESSENTIAL AMENITIES OF LIFE.

3. **For all Bills under SEC. 4. The Assistance to Individuals in Crisis (AICS) Program**

To rename this Section, to **“CRISIS INTERVENTION PROGRAM (CIP)**, to read as follows:

**“CRISIS INTERVENTION PROGRAM (CIP) IS A COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO: (A) PROVIDE IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITIES IN CRISIS SITUATIONS OR DIFFICULTIES; AND/OR (B) AUGMENTATION ASSISTANCE TO DISASTER-AFFECTED INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITIES TO SUPPORT THEIR RECOVERY. THROUGH THIS PROGRAM, FINANCIAL AND/OR MATERIAL ASSISTANCE, PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT SERVICES, REFERRAL SERVICES, AND OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES, AS DEFINED HEREIN ARE PROVIDED TO ELIGIBLE BENEFICIARIES BASED ON THEIR ASSESSED NEEDS.”**

4. **SEC. 5. Conditions for Eligibility to Receive AICS Assistance under HBNs 498, 1940 and 3386**

4.1 To consider renaming this section as “Requirements for Eligibility to receive AICS assistance”.

4.2 To enhance this Section, to read as, **“XXX – ALL INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS OR COMMUNITIES WHO ARE IN CRISIS SITUATION OR IN DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO ARE POOR, VULNERABLE, MARGINALIZED, OR DISADVANTAGED SECTORS AND FINANCIALLY INCAPACITATED** seeking assistance shall present...social worker assigned **ANY OF .....XXX”**

4.3 To consider excluding “medical abstract” as among requirements for medical assistance given that “medical certificate” and “hospital billing statement” or “statement of account” would suffice.

5. **SEC. 5. Type, Kind and Amount of Financial Assistance under HBNs 998 and 2480, and SEC. 6 under HBN 3386; and SEC. 6. Rates of Assistance under HBNs 498 and 1940**

5.1 Recommending that the Rates of Assistance be part of the formulation of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).

5.2 To consider including a review/evaluation of the range of rates per type of assistance for at least every three (3) years to factor in the country’s prevailing socioeconomic conditions.

5.3 To revise this Section, to read as, **“SECTION 5. TYPES OF SERVICES AND PROCESS OF SERVICE DELIVERY - THE CIP SHALL COVER DIFFERENT TYPES OF SERVICES TO ASSIST CLIENTS RECOVERING FROM CRISIS SITUATIONS. FURTHER, THE AMOUNT OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED TO THE BENEFICIARIES SHALL BE DETERMINED, ASSESSED, AND RECOMMENDED BY THE DSWD SOCIAL WORKER AND APPROVED BY THE AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL OF THE DSWD BASED ON EXISTING GUIDELINES AND IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

**THESE SERVICES SHALL INCLUDE SUCH AS BUT NOT LIMITED TO:**

- (A) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - A SERVICE PROVIDED IN A FORM OF CASH, GUARANTEE LETTER, AND OTHER MODES OF DELIVERY OF SERVICE ISSUED TO QUALIFIED CLIENTS TO COVER MEDICAL, FUNERAL, TRANSPORTATION, EDUCATIONAL, FOOD, AND OTHER NEEDS OF THE CLIENT THAT IS NOT COVERED BY THE FOREGOING.**
- (B) MATERIAL ASSISTANCE - A SERVICE PROVIDING FOOD AND NON-FOOD ITEMS TO BENEFICIARIES WHO NEED IMMEDIATE MATERIAL SUPPORT, SUCH AS BUT NOT LIMITED TO FOOD PACKS OR VOUCHERS, HYGIENE OR SLEEPING KITS, AND ASSISTIVE DEVICES AND TECHNOLOGIES, SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF THE MATERIAL ASSISTANCE.**
- (C) PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT SERVICE - A SERVICE PROVIDED BY TRAINED OR PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT WORKERS TO HELP MEET THE PSYCHOLOGICAL, EMOTIONAL, AND SOCIAL NEEDS OF BENEFICIARIES AND THEIR FAMILIES. IT IS A SET OF INTERVENTIONS THAT INTENDS TO POSITIVELY IMPROVE A PERSON'S BEHAVIOR TO REDUCE THE IMPACT OF STRESS BROUGHT ABOUT BY A CRISIS THROUGH BEHAVIORAL MODIFICATION INTERVENTIONS.**
- (D) REFERRAL SERVICE - A SERVICE PROVIDED WHEN THE REQUESTED SUPPORT IS NOT WITHIN THE RANGE OF THE SERVICES OF CIP THROUGH COORDINATION AND/OR ENDORSEMENT OF THE BENEFICIARY'S CASE WITHIN THE DSWD'S AVAILABLE PROGRAMS, PROJECTS AND SERVICES AND TO OTHER AGENCIES SUCH AS BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH), PHILIPPINE CHARITY**

**SWEEPSTAKES OFFICE (PCSO), PHILIPPINE AMUSEMENT AND GAMING CORPORATION (PAGCOR), LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUS), AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES (GA), CIVIL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS (CSO), AND INTERNATIONAL/NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS (I/NGO)."**

5.4 To include the provision of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in the definition under Section 3 letter f) Medical Assistance.

**6. SEC. 6. Provision of Assistance Through Adoptive Means under HBN 2480**

To revise this Section, to read as, **"SECTION 6. SYSTEM. - THE DSWD, IN COORDINATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (DICT), PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY (PSA), SHALL ESTABLISH AN ONLINE AND OFFLINE SYSTEM THAT WOULD FACILITATE DIGITAL VALIDATION, PROCESSING, PAYMENT, AND MONITORING INCLUDING THOSE ASSISTED THROUGH THE ESTABLISHED MALASAKIT CENTERS PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT (RA) NO. 11463. PENDING SUCH AN ESTABLISHMENT, DSWD MAY CONTINUE TO UTILIZE ITS EXISTING SYSTEM."**

**7. SEC.7. Lead Agency under HBNs 498 and 1940**

To revise this Section, to read as, **"SECTION 10. LEAD AGENCY. - THE DSWD SHALL SERVE AS THE LEAD IMPLEMENTING AGENCY OF THIS ACT AND SHALL ALSO COORDINATE WITH THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES SUCH AS BUT NOT LIMITED TO PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY (PSA), DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DILG), DICT, LGUS, DOH, PCSO, PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP), CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION (CSC) AND OTHER GAS, CSOS AND I/NGOS TO ENSURE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT."**

**8. SEC. 8. Crisis Intervention Program Management Office (CIPMO) under HBNs 2480 and 3386**

To revise this Section, to read as, **"SECTION 8 – ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CRISIS INTERVENTION OFFICE / DIVISION / UNIT (CIO/D/U). TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT DELIVERY OF SERVICES TO THE BENEFICIARIES, THERE SHALL BE AN ESTABLISHED CIO (FORMERLY THE CRISIS INTERVENTION DIVISION) AT THE CENTRAL OFFICE, CRISIS INTERVENTION DIVISIONS (FORMERLY CRISIS INTERVENTION SECTION) AT THE FIELD OFFICES, AND CRISIS INTERVENTION UNITS AT THE SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT (SWAD) SATELLITE OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT THAT WILL ENSURE THAT THE PROGRAM, AS**



**PROVIDED HEREIN, IS PROPERLY IMPLEMENTED, MONITORED, AND EVALUATED NATIONWIDE.”**

9. Under HBN 2480, namely, SEC. 8. Reengineered DSWD Specialized Programs Sub-Cluster; SEC. 9. No Additional Plantilla Position; and SEC. 10. Personnel Complement

To revise these Sections, to read as, **“Section \_\_. PERSONNEL COMPLEMENT. THE CRISIS INTERVENTION OFFICE/DIVISIONS/UNITS THAT WILL IMPLEMENT THE CIP SHALL BE ADEQUATELY OPERATED BY LICENSED SOCIAL WORKERS AND OTHER SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT WORKERS. THE CIO DIRECTOR AT THE CENTRAL OFFICE AND THE REGIONAL DIRECTORS IN THE FIELD OFFICES SHALL ASSIGN/HIRE QUALIFIED PERSONNEL NECESSARY FOR THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF CIP. FOR THIS PURPOSE, APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE SHALL BE DEVELOPED AND ESTABLISHED AT THE LEVEL OF THE DSWD CENTRAL OFFICE, FIELD OFFICES AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT SATELLITE OFFICES.**

**FURTHER, THE DSWD IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CREATE THE REQUIRED PLANTILLA AND STAFFING PATTERN NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT IN COORDINATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT (DBM) AND THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION (CSC). THE DSWD SHALL INCLUDE IN THEIR BUDGETARY SUBMISSION TO THE DBM THE REQUIRED BUDGET FOR PERSONNEL SERVICES AND MISCELLANEOUS AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES (MOOE). SUCH BUDGETARY REQUIREMENTS SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT (GAA).”**

10. SEC. 8. Advisory Council; SEC. 9. Independent Monitoring Committee; and SEC. 12. Joint Congressional Oversight Committee

10.1 To reconsider the creation of “Advisory Council”, “Independent Monitoring Committee” and Joint Congressional Oversight Committee” for program monitoring.

10.2 To include DILG in the National Advisory Council.

10.3 To clarify if the statement in the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph of Section 12 if it means six (6) members from each House or two (2) members from each House.

11. SEC. 11. Program Transparency under HBNs 498 and 1940

11.1 To revise this Section, to read as, **“SECTION 11. PROGRAM TRANSPARENCY – THE DSWD SHALL TIMELY POST AND UPDATE**

**PERIODICALLY<sup>1</sup> ON ITS WEBSITE A REPORT OF FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES AND INFORMATION ABOUT BENEFICIARIES BASED ON GEOGRAPHICAL AREA AND SOCIAL CATEGORY SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10173 OR THE DATA PRIVACY ACT OF 2012.”**

11.2 To indicate that the COA report of the program audit be uploaded in the DSWD’s website in view of COA’s status as an independent audit institution.

**12. SEC. 11. Unlawful Acts and Penalties under HBN 2480**

To enhance this Section, to read as follows: *“Any person who commits any of the foregoing unlawful acts shall **BE PENALIZED WITH THE FOLLOWING:***

- A. 1ST OFFENSE - THE OFFENDER SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH A WRITTEN WARNING AND WILL BE BROUGHT TO A POLICE OFFICER OR BARANGAY OFFICIAL FOR BLOTTER.**
- B. 2ND OFFENSE - THE OFFENDER SHALL BE PUNISHED BY ONE (1) YEAR SUSPENSION FROM AVAILING ANY ASSISTANCE FROM THE DSWD.**
- C. 3RD OFFENSE - THE OFFENDER SHALL BE PUNISHED BY IMPRISONMENT NOT LESS THAN ONE (1) YEAR BUT NOT MORE THAN SIX (6) YEARS.**

**IF THE OFFENDER IS AN ORGANIZATION, THE PRESIDENT, MANAGER, OR ANY OFFICER OF THE ORGANIZATION WHO DIRECTLY PARTICIPATED IN THE VIOLATION OF THE UNLAWFUL ACTS SHALL BE HELD LIABLE AND MAY BE PUNISHED BY IMPRISONMENT OF NOT LESS THAN SIX (6) YEARS BUT NO MORE THAN TEN (10) YEARS. THIS IS WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO ANY ACTION AGAINST THE CORPORATION OR ORGANIZATION BEFORE APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.**

**A PUBLIC OFFICIAL OR PERSONNEL WHO COMMITS, ABETS, OR AIDE IN THE COMMISSION OF ANY OF THE ACTS PROVIDED HEREIN SHALL BE LIABLE UNDER THE REVISED PENAL CODE AND OTHER EXISTING PENAL LAWS. ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTIONS SHALL BE IMPOSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO PROSECUTION IN THE PROPER COURTS.**

**THE DSWD SHALL ESTABLISH THE NECESSARY GUIDELINES TO IMPLEMENT THIS PROVISION AS MAY BE INCLUDED IN THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATION.**

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<sup>1</sup> Per existing laws, rules, and regulations.


**13. On Implementing Rules and Regulations for all the HBNs**

To revise this Section, to read as, ***“WITHIN NINETY (90) DAYS FROM THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT, THE DSWD, AS THE LEAD AGENCY, TOGETHER WITH THE OTHER NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, SUCH AS BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE DILG, LGUS, DOH, PSA, AND THE DICT IN CONSULTATION WITH THE OTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE STAKEHOLDERS REPRESENTING THE POOR, MARGINALIZED AND VULNERABLE SECTORS OF THE SOCIETY, SHALL PROMULGATE THE NECESSARY IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THIS ACT.”***

The DSWD is also pleased to provide the Honorable Chairperson a copy of the draft Administration Bill of the Department, entitled, **“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE CRISIS INTERVENTION PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”**, for information and reference.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

  
**ERWIN T. TULFO**  
Secretary  
Date: 09 NOV 2022