

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11228, February 22, 2019 ]**

**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MANDATORY PHILHEALTH  
COVERAGE FOR ALL PERSONS WITH DISABILITY (PWDs),  
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277, AS  
AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MAGNA CARTA FOR  
PERSONS WITH DISABILITY"**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. Title Two, Chapter III of Republic Act No. 7277, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding a new section denominated as Section 20-A to read as follows:

"SEC. 20-A. *Mandatory PhilHealth Coverage.* - All persons with disability (PWDs) shall be automatically covered under the National Health Insurance Program (NHIP) of the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth). Premium contributions for all PWDs shall be paid by the national government: *Provided, That* the premium contributions of PWD members in the formal economy shall be shared equally by their employers and the national government. The funds necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be sourced from the National Health Insurance Fund of PhilHealth earmarked from the proceeds of Republic Act No. 10351, otherwise known as 'An Act Restructuring the Excise Tax on Alcohol and Tobacco Products by Amending Sections 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 8, 131 and 288 of Republic Act No. 8424, Otherwise Known as the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as Amended by Republic Act No. 9334, and for Other Purposes', in accordance with pertinent laws and regulations.

"The PhilHealth shall develop exclusive packages for PWDs that will address their specific health and development needs."

SEC. 2. *Monitoring and Evaluation.* - The Department of Health (DOH), in coordination with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), the National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA), the local government units (LGUs), other relevant government agencies and nongovernment organizations, shall conduct a periodic monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of this Act. Towards this end, the DOH shall maintain an updated database on PWDs and their health and development needs. The LGUs, the PhilHealth, the NCDA, and other relevant government agencies are directed to submit their data on PWDs to the DOH.

SEC. 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).* -The PhilHealth, in consultation with the DOH, the DSWD, the DOLE, the NCDA, and the various national leagues of