PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

NAC Resolution No. 1 Series of 2024

REPLACEMENT OF CHILDREN WHO COULD NOT COMPLY WITH THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM'S CONDITION ON EDUCATION DESPITE EXHAUSTIVE INTERVENTIONS

WHEREAS, Republic Act 11310 or "An Act Institutionalizing the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program", otherwise known as the "4Ps Act" defines 4Ps as the national poverty reduction strategy and a human capital investment program that provides conditional cash transfer to poor households for a maximum of seven (7) years, to improve the health, education, and nutrition aspect of their lives;

WHEREAS, Section 14 of the 4Ps Act mandates the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), as the lead agency, shall serve as the central planning, coordinating, implementing, and monitoring body of the program. In the implementation of the 4Ps Act, the DSWD shall, among other functions, recommend to the National Advisory Council (NAC) measures and policies for the responsive delivery of the commitments under the 4Ps Act;

WHEREAS, Section 15 of the 4Ps Act provides that the NAC shall, among other functions, meet regularly to promote coordination across agencies to enhance the implementation of the program and jointly address and resolve program implementation issues;

WHEREAS, Section 11 of the 4Ps Act states that the education condition for entitlement and continued program eligibility is that children aged three (3) to eighteen (18) must attend classes at least eighty-five percent (85%) of the required school days at a given School Year;

WHEREAS, the 4Ps Operations Manual allows each household to select up to three (3) eligible children that will be monitored for 85% monthly attendance in schools as basis for the provision of education grants until a policy through NAC resolution or memorandum circular is issued lifting such;

WHEREAS, Section 3 of the 4Ps Act defined case management as the process to enable household beneficiaries to improve their functioning by dealing with their difficulties, specifically in complying with the terms of the Program;

WHEREAS, in 2019 the Program issued the Guidance Notes for "Bata Balik Eskwela: Edukasyon ay Mahalaga, Ito ay ating Ipaalala" to facilitate a holistic and integrative approach to reintegrate not attending school cases into the formal or informal school system by providing appropriate interventions;

WHEREAS, Memorandum Circular No. 10, Series of 2022, emphasized the strategy to use Case Management as an approach to focus on addressing not only gender-based violence and child protection concerns but all situations that include grievances. expectations, non-compliance to conditions and Program systems-related issues, factors payment affecting compliance, psycho-socio-economic concerns;

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Program issued the *Guidance Note on the Replacement of Monitored Children in the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program* which only allows the replacement of children due to either of the following reasons:

- The child has disability¹;
- 2. The child is deceased:
- 3. The child has full academic scholarship;
- 4. The child has reached the age of 19; or
- 5. The child has graduated from high school.

WHEREAS, as of December 2023, 33,642 4Ps children are still non-compliant with the set condition on education despite exhaustive interventions² as facilitated by the program which deprives other eligible children of maximizing the benefits of the education grants and consequently, underutilization of program funds;

Now therefore, pursuant to the powers vested to the NAC, it is RESOLVED as it is hereby resolved to adopt the following rules:

- Replacement of a monitored child shall be allowed if, despite exhaustive interventions through case management for a maximum of one (1) year, the child could still not comply with the education condition of the Program;
- 2. The replacement of a monitored child will not extend the households' seven-year maximum stay in the Program as stipulated in the 4Ps Act;
- Households that no longer have eligible children and are subject for exit shall be endorsed to appropriate government agencies or partners for support and interventions.

These rules shall take effect immediately while the 4Ps Act Implementing Rules and Regulations is being amended. All provisions of policies and guidelines, inconsistent with this resolution, shall be deemed rescinded.

Adopted this 16th day of June, 2024, in Quezon City, Philippines.

¹ The monitored child can be replaced if he/she cannot comply with the Program's education condition due to his/her disability as certified by a physician.

² The case manager provided a thorough and comprehensive approach to address a particular household issue or situation, leaving no stone unturned and considering all possible options or solutions.

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