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PNA POSITION ON THE PRIVATIZATION OF GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL

The PNA opposes the government plan to corporatize government hospital.

We in PNA understands that the very reason why our poor health patients go to government hospitals is simply because they cannot afford to pay medical fees and services from private hospitals.

We have experienced government privatization and we know that the effect was not favorable to most of us. The government cannot guarantee that corporatization of government hospital will bring much better services at affordable rates. Let us take the example of NAPOCOR who was privatized by the government with hopes that the electric services would improve and lower rates of electricity. However, to our utter dismay because to date electricity or electric services in our country remains costly.

While admittedly, corporatization is not absolutely atrocious because it would improve management of the government hospital and its facilities. However it is expected that they will increase the cost of services because like any other private businesses their primary objective is to earn profits otherwise they will not survive.

We in PNA believed that health services are basic necessities. Thus, the government should always ensure that health care services are affordable and accessible.

Accordingly, instead of privatizing these hospitals, the government should increase its subsidies to improve its facilities and its services.

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