

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE NAIC MATERNAL HEALTH SUPPORT
SYSTEM THROUGH THE RURAL HEALTH UNIT (RHU), PROVIDING
CONTINUOUS MATERNAL CARE, BIRTH PREPAREDNESS, REFERRAL, AND
POSTPARTUM SUPPORT SERVICES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Pregnancy is a critical period that requires continuous monitoring, proper nutrition, timely medical consultation, and adequate preparation for childbirth. While national and provincial policies require deliveries to be conducted in licensed hospitals and accredited birthing facilities, many pregnant women continue to face barriers such as delayed prenatal consultation, lack of transportation during labor, limited birth preparedness, and insufficient postpartum follow-up.

The Municipality of Naic recognizes that reducing maternal and newborn complications requires not only safe delivery but also continuous guidance throughout pregnancy. This Ordinance establishes a Safe Motherhood Navigation and Birth Preparedness Program through the Rural Health Unit (RHU) to ensure that every pregnant woman receives individualized care planning, regular monitoring, timely referral, and coordinated support before, during, and after childbirth.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of Naic, Cavite, in session assembled:

Section 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be known as the **"Naic Safe Motherhood Navigation and Birth Preparedness Ordinance of 2026."**

Section 2. Declaration of Policy. It is the policy of the Municipality of Naic to promote safe pregnancy, reduce maternal and newborn health risks, and ensure that every pregnant woman receives accessible, continuous, and coordinated maternal healthcare services through the Rural Health Unit.

Section 3. Objectives. This Ordinance aims to:

- a. Promote early pregnancy registration.
- b. Ensure continuous prenatal and postpartum care.
- c. Improve birth preparedness among pregnant women.
- d. Strengthen referral to appropriate health facilities.
- e. Reduce preventable maternal and newborn complications.

- f. Improve coordination between the RHU, Barangays, and accredited healthcare facilities.

Section 4. Coverage. This Ordinance shall apply to all pregnant women residing in the Municipality of Naic.

Section 5. Establishment of the Program. The Rural Health Unit shall establish the **Naic Safe Motherhood Navigation and Birth Preparedness Program**.

Each registered pregnant woman shall be enrolled in the Program until six (6) weeks after childbirth.

Section 6. Maternal Health Navigator. Every registered pregnant woman shall be assigned a **Maternal Health Navigator**, who may be a Public Health Nurse, Rural Health Midwife, Barangay Health Worker (BHW), or other authorized RHU personnel. The Navigator shall:

- a. Monitor prenatal appointments.
- b. Remind mothers of scheduled consultations and immunizations.
- c. Monitor compliance with laboratory requests.
- d. Assist in referrals to higher-level health facilities when necessary.
- e. Coordinate with the family regarding birth preparedness.

Section 7. Individual Birth Preparedness Plan. The RHU shall prepare an Individual Birth Preparedness Plan for every pregnant woman, which shall include:

- a. Expected date of delivery;
- b. Identified hospital or accredited birthing facility for delivery;
- c. Emergency contact person;
- d. Available transportation plan;
- e. Blood donor information, if available;
- f. Identification of possible pregnancy risks.

Section 8. Early Pregnancy Registration. Pregnant women are encouraged to register with the RHU during the first trimester or as soon as pregnancy is confirmed.

Section 9. Prenatal Care. The RHU shall provide routine prenatal consultations in accordance with Department of Health standards and shall encourage mothers to complete the recommended prenatal visits.

Section 10. Maternal Nutrition. The RHU shall provide:

- a. Nutrition counseling
- b. Iron and folic acid supplementation, subject to availability;
- c. Tetanus immunization, as appropriate;
- d. Counseling on healthy pregnancy practices.

Section 11. Home Visitation. The RHU may conduct home visits for:

- a. High-risk pregnancies;
- b. Pregnant women who miss scheduled prenatal consultations;
- c. Bedridden pregnant women;
- d. Women living in geographically isolated or hard-to-reach areas, when resources allow.

Section 12. Emergency Transport Coordination. The RHU shall coordinate with the MDRRMO, Barangays, and accredited health facilities to facilitate emergency transportation for pregnant women experiencing labor or pregnancy-related emergencies, subject to the availability of municipal resources.

Section 13. Referral Services. Pregnant women requiring specialized care shall be referred to licensed hospitals or accredited birthing facilities in accordance with existing national and provincial policies.

Section 14. Postpartum Home Visit. Within one (1) week after discharge from the hospital or birthing facility, the RHU or Barangay Health Worker may conduct a home visit to assess the health of the mother and newborn, provide breastfeeding support, and identify any complications requiring further medical attention.

Section 15. Maternal Mental Health Screening. During postpartum visits, the RHU shall, whenever feasible, conduct basic screening for postpartum emotional distress or depression and provide counseling or referral when appropriate.

Section 16. Lead Implementing Office. The Rural Health Unit shall implement this Ordinance in coordination with:

- a. Barangay Councils;
- b. Barangay Health Workers;
- c. Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office;

- d. Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office;
- e. Department of Health;
- f. Provincial Government;
- g. Accredited hospitals and birthing facilities.

Section 17. Information Campaign. The Municipality shall conduct continuous education on safe pregnancy, birth preparedness, maternal nutrition, newborn care, breastfeeding, and postpartum health.

Section 18. Funding. Funds necessary for the implementation of this Ordinance shall be included in the annual municipal budget, subject to existing budgeting, accounting, and auditing laws.

Section 19. Implementing Rules and Regulations. Within ninety (90) days from the effectiveness of this Ordinance, the Municipal Mayor, through the RHU, shall issue the necessary Implementing Rules and Regulations.

Section 20. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 21. Repealing Clause. All ordinances, resolutions, executive orders, rules, and regulations inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 22. Effectivity Clause

This Ordinance shall take effect after compliance with the publication and posting requirements under the Local Government Code of 1991.