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**EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION**

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**EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF  
THE FIFTH (5<sup>th</sup>) JOINT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING,  
EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION, SERIES OF 2013,**  
*Convened at the Multi-Purpose Hall, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, ECC Bldg., Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Makati City  
Wednesday, 07 August 2013 at 9:00 A.M.*

**BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 13-08-25**

*Prescribing a Revised Policy on Accreditation of Hospitals and Physicians under the  
Employees' Compensation Program (ECP) Amending for this Purpose Rule XVII of the  
Amended Rules on Employees' Compensation*

**WHEREAS**, paragraphs (u) and (v) of Article 167 of P.D. No. 626, as amended, read:

**"Art. 167. Definition of Terms.-** As used in this Title unless the context indicates otherwise:

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(u) **"Hospital"** means any medical facility, government or private, authorized by law, an active member in good standing of the Philippine Hospital Association and accredited by the Commission;

(v) **"Physician"** means any doctor of medicine duly licensed to practice in the Philippines, an active member in good standing of the Philippine Medical Association and accredited by the Commission." *(emphasis supplied)*

**WHEREAS**, Rule XVII, Section I of the Amended Rules on Employees' Compensation provide:

**"RULE XVII-ACCREDITATION**

**"SECTION 1. Minimum requirements for accreditation**

- (a) **"A physician may be accredited for purposes of the Employees' Compensation Program upon his application if he is a doctor**

of medicine duly licensed to practice in the Philippines and an active member in good standing of the Philippine Medical Association.

- (b) "A hospital may likewise be accredited upon application if:
- (1) "It is an institution primarily engaged in providing to in-patients, by or under the supervision of physicians, diagnostic and therapeutic services for their medical diagnosis, treatment and care;
  - (2) "it is adequately equipped with facilities for physicians to treat injured or sick persons;
  - (3) "it maintains clinical records on all patients;
  - (4) "it has by-laws concerning its medical staff;
  - (5) "it provides 24-hour nursing services by itself or is supervised by a registered professional nurse; and has a licensed practical nurse or registered professional nurse on duty at all times;
  - (6) "it requires that every patient must be under the care of a physician;
  - (7) "it is licensed by the Bureau of Medical Services of the Ministry of Health;
  - (8) "it meets the health and safety requirements of the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Labor;
  - (9) "it maintains a utilization review committee as provided in Section 3 of this Rule; and
  - (10) "it is a member in good standing of the Philippine Medical Association."

**WHEREAS**, Rule XVII, Section 4, of the Amended Rules on Employees' Compensation provides:



**"SECTION 4. Coverage of Services.**

- (a) "Payment for services shall ordinarily be made only to accredited rehabilitation facility or hospitals and accredited physicians.
- (b) "Non-accredited rehabilitation facility or hospitals and non-accredited physicians shall be paid only for emergency services. No payment can be made to them after the emergency has ended."

**WHEREAS**, in 2001, the Secretariat has suspended the accreditation of physicians and hospitals for purposes of the employees' compensation program, pending the review of the Amended Rules on Employees' Compensation;

**WHEREAS**, based on recent consultation meetings with the SSS, it was gathered that SSS processes the payment of medical services only for those physicians and hospitals which are included in the list of accredited physicians and hospitals provided by the Secretariat prior to the suspension of accreditation;

**WHEREAS**, in the filing of claims for EC medical reimbursement, the SSS still requires the accreditation number of the attending physician/s of the covered ODW;

**WHEREAS**, the Secretariat recommends the revision of Rule XVII in providing accreditations to hospitals and physicians due to requests for clarifications on the matter as well as to provide a uniform rules for both Systems;

**WHEREAS**, under Article 177 (c) of P. D. No. 626, as amended, the Commission shall have the powers and duties to "approve rules and regulations governing the processing of claims...;"

**NOW THEREFORE, ON MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED,**

This Commission **RESOLVES AS IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that Section 1 and Section 4 of Rule XVII of the Amended Rules on Employees' Compensation be revised as follows:

**"SECTION 1. Accreditation.** For purposes of processing of payment for medical services provided to ODWs, the following hospitals and physicians are automatically deemed accredited by the Commission:

- a. Government and Private hospitals duly licensed by the Department of Health (DOH) and accredited by the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (Philhealth) ; and



- b. Physicians duly licensed by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC).

**"SECTION 4. PAYMENT FOR MEDICAL SERVICES.**

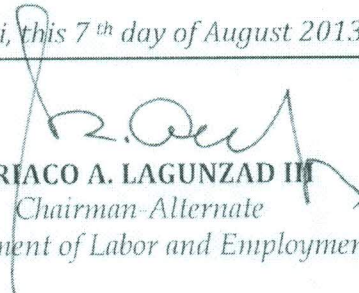
"Payment for medical services provided to ODWs shall be granted to hospitals and physicians enumerated under Section 1 of this Rule. "


**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that all previous Rules or Resolutions inconsistent with this Resolution are hereby repealed or modified accordingly and that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the GSIS and to the SSS for compliance and guidance

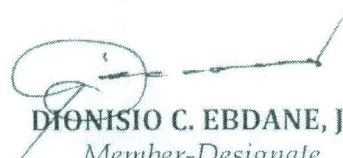
**RESOLVED FINALLY**, that this Resolution shall take effect fifteen days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.


**APPROVED** in City of Makati, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August 2013.

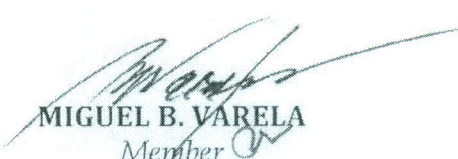
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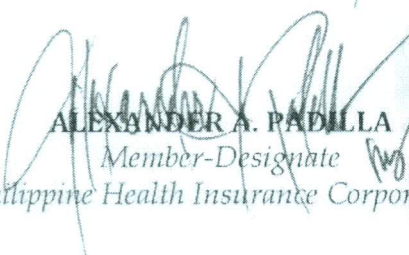
  
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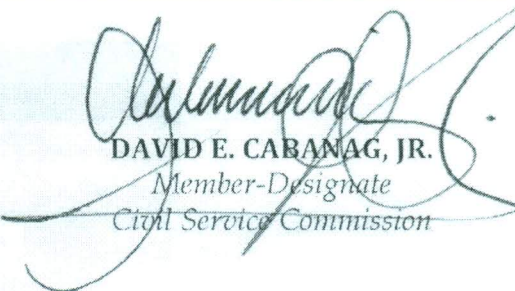
  
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