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**EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF
THE FOURTH (4th) REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING,
EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION, SERIES OF 2012,**
*Convened at the Board Room, 5th Floor, ECC Bldg., Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Makati City
Wednesday, 23 May 2012 at 12:00 NN*

BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 12-05-15

***ADMISSIBILITY OF CERTIFIED TRUE COPIES OF OFFICIAL RECEIPTS IN THE
FILING OF CLAIMS FOR EC MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT***

WHEREAS, Article 185 of P.D. No. 626, as amended, provides:

"ART. 185. Medical Services.- Immediately after an employee contracts sickness or sustains an injury, he shall be provided by the System during the subsequent period of his disability with such medical services and appliances as the nature of his sickness or injury and progress of his recovery may require, subject to the expense limitation prescribed by the Commission."

WHEREAS, Rule VIII, Section 2 of the Amended Rules on Employees' Compensation provides:

"Section 2.Period of Entitlement.- The medical services, appliances, and supplies shall be provided to the afflicted employee beginning on the first day of the injury or sickness, during the subsequent period of his disability, and as the progress of his recovery may require ..."

WHEREAS, it is well-settled that EC disability benefits have corresponding medical reimbursement for the same injury or sickness which was previously considered as work-connected;

WHEREAS, the Rules of Procedure for the Filing and Disposition of EC Claims require the submission of official receipts in the processing of claims for reimbursement of medical expenses due to work-connected injuries or diseases;

WHEREAS, upon consultation with the SSS and the GSIS, the Secretariat has discovered that there are numerous instances that claimants for EC medical reimbursement could not submit the original copies of the official receipts since they have previously submitted the same to the Philippine Health Insurance Corp. (PhilHealth) or to any Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) which also requires the submission of original copies of receipts;

WHEREAS, the non-submission of official receipts results in the delay in the processing of claims for EC medical reimbursement to the detriment of the claimants;

WHEREAS, the Employees' Compensation Law (P.D. No. 626, as amended) guarantees the early settlement of claims and the prompt payment of income benefits;

WHEREAS, this Commission finds the need to address these problems and to facilitate the speedy processing of all claims for EC medical reimbursement;

WHEREAS, Article 177 (c) empowers this Commission to approve rules and regulations governing the processing of EC claims;

ON MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED

This Commission **RESOLVED** to approve as a policy that when claimants for EC medical reimbursement could not submit the original copies of official receipts since the same are in the custody of PhilHealth or any HMO, the medical expenses may be proved by photocopies of medical receipts stamped with "certified true copy" by the PhilHealth official or by an HMO authorized representative in custody of the official receipts;

This Commission **RESOLVED FURTHER** that all previous Rules or Resolutions inconsistent with this Resolution are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

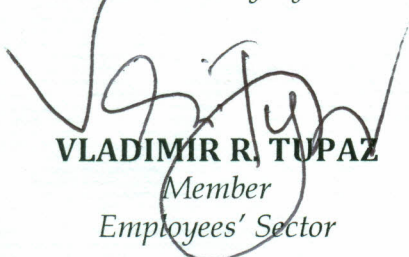
This Commission **RESOLVED FINALLY**, that copies of this Resolution be duly furnished the SSS and the GSIS for their information and proper guidance.

APPROVED in the City of Makati, this 23rd day of May 2012.


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