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**AUGUST 2012 GOOD NEWS**

GOOD NEWS	WHY GOOD NEWS
<b>GOOD GOVERNANCE, TRANSPARENCY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY</b>	
<b>ECP accepts certified true copies of official receipts for EC medical reimbursement</b>	<p>Labor and Employment Secretary Rosalinda-Dimapilis Baldoz recently said that the Employees' Compensation Commission (ECC) has adopted a policy admitting certified true copies of official receipts in the filing of claims for EC reimbursement to facilitate the speedy processing of medical reimbursement under the Employees' Compensation Program (ECP).</p> <p>Secretary Baldoz, board chair of the ECC said the policy was issued in response to the call of the claimants who could not submit original copies of original receipts of their medical expenses incurred for the treatment of their work-related sickness or injuries as these were likewise required by PhilHealth or their Health Maintenance Organization.</p> <p>The newly issued policy provides that when claimants for EC medical reimbursement could not submit the original copies of their 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.</p> <p>The said policy guarantees the early settlement of claims and the prompt payment of income benefits of workers who suffered from work-connected diseases or injuries," the labor and employment chief finally said.</p> <p>Prior to the issuance of the said policy, submission of the original official receipts are required in the processing of claims for work-related contingencies under the EC Program.</p>

**ECC grants below  
elbow prosthesis  
to ODWs**

The Employees' Compensation Commission, an attached agency of the Department of Labor and Employment, provides artificial prosthesis for occupationally-disabled workers (ODWs) under its Katulong at Gabay sa Manggagawang may Kapansanan (KaGabay) Program. This aimed to facilitate integration of ODWs

into the economic mainstream through physical restoration, training for re-employment or self-entrepreneurship.

One beneficiary is Mr. Robin A. Esquerdo, 38 years old, married and presently residing in Novaliches, Quezon City. He was formerly employed in Vanson Paper Industrial Corporation in Valenzuela City as repacker. In August 2011, while he was feeding paper on a roller machine, he accidentally slipped from the stool where he was standing. His left wrist and hand got stuck inside the roller machine which caused him lacerations. He was rushed to Fatima Medical Hospital and was advised to undergo surgery to amputate the affected part. Few weeks after the operation, he was referred to undergo physical therapy at the Philippine General Hospital for 6 sessions due to intermittent numbness and tingling sensation on the distant portion of his amputated limb. On August 13, 2012, he was provided with below elbow prosthesis amounting to P90,000.00 which was paid by the ECC under its KaGabay Program to make him a productive member of our society once again. Esquerdo manifest his intention to undergo entrepreneurial training on laundry/dishwashing detergent & fabric conditioner to augment his income generated from selling dried fish.



*Robin Esquerdo with Executive Director Stella Zipagan-Banawis, together with Dr. Melba Y. Sacro, Chief of the Work Contingency Prevention and Rehabilitation Division and ECC Nurse Anne Misa, during a courtesy call of Esquerdo at the ECC on August 13, 2012.*



Another beneficiary of the ECC KaGabay Program is Benedicto Gaviola, 38 years old, single and resident of Novaliches, Quezon City. He was a machine operator at Magnatrum Electronic Company in Quezon City for one year when his arm got stuck in the machine resulting in the amputation of his right hand. He was terminated from his company because he can no longer perform his task as a machine operator.

The ECC informed him about its rehabilitation services. He availed training services at the Samson Institute of Technology in Quezon City where he took up General Radio Communication Operator for 2 years. Because of his training, he obtained a permanent position at the Philippine National Police as an Electronic Communication Equipment Technician. He expressed his profound gratitude to the ECC for supporting his training needs which became useful to his present work. On August 15, 2012, he was provided with artificial prosthesis worth P90,000 to assist him in his various activities as electronic equipment technician at the PNP.



*Benedicto Gaviola shows his newly-fitted below elbow prosthesis to the Chief of WCPRD, Dr. Melba Sacro and ECC Nurse Anne Misa on August 15, 2012.*

**162 Companies participate in the ECC and DOLE advocacy seminar in Bacolod City**


The Employees' Compensation Commission (ECC), an attached agency of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), together with the DOLE Regional Office No. 6, conducted an awareness drive on the Employees' Compensation Program (ECP) and DOLE livelihood and skills seminar for almost 200 participants at O Hotel in Bacolod City on 23 August 2012, Labor and Employment Secretary Rosalinda Dimapilis-Baldoz announced yesterday.

	<p>"The one-day seminar aimed at increasing employers as well as the workers awareness on the EC Program and the various skills and livelihood programs of the DOLE," Secretary Baldoz said.</p> <p>According to Secretary Baldoz, it's been DOLE's aim to strengthen convergence activities among its attached agencies, DOLE regional offices and the private sector for synchronized implementation of DOLE programs, projects and activities.</p> <p>Citing the highlight of the seminar, ECC Executive Director Stella Zipagan-Banawis said: "Discussion focused mainly on the three aspects of the EC Program, namely: prevention, compensation and rehabilitation service."</p> <p>"The Bacolod ECP advocacy seminar is our fourth stop this year after doing the same in regions 3, 5 and 11. We hope to replicate this activity in Cordillera Administrative Region and Caraga Region (Region 13) to bring the Employees' Compensation Program closer to the workers," Director Banawis finally said.</p>
<b>ECC intensifies awareness drive on the EC Program</b>	<p>The ECC conducted 26 seminars in August 2012 which benefited a total of 561 companies with 1,391 HR managers, supervisors, administrative officers, safety managers in Metro Manila, Pampanga, Cebu City, Cabuyao, Laguna, Baguio City, Cagayan de Oro City, Bacolod City, Koronadal City, Isabela, Basilan, San Mateo, Rizal and Zamboanga City.</p>

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