



ECC updates conditions for compensability of PTB

The Employees' Compensation Commission (ECC), an attached agency of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), recently revised the conditions for compensability of Pulmonary Tuberculosis (PTB) in order to keep abreast with recent developments in the field of occupational medicine.

The revised conditions for compensability of Pulmonary Tuberculosis, commonly known as TB, expands the conditions of compensability to include workers in high risk occupational groups like staff of correctional facilities or jails; workers involved in the collection, handling or disposal of biological wastes; workers who have been clinically diagnosed with Silicosis or those exposed to silica in the course of their employment and workers in workplaces characterized as overcrowded, poorly ventilated and enclosed where there are documented cases of active TB.

Prior to the amendment, the Employees' Compensation Program (ECP) compensates PTB to workers involved in close and frequent contact with source of tuberculosis infection by reason of employment like those involved in the medical treatment or nursing of a person or persons suffering from tuberculosis, as a laboratory worker, pathologist or post mortem worker, where occupation involves working with material which is a source of tuberculosis infection.

The ECC, as a policy making body of the ECP, continuously upgrade the benefit structure for

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Due to severe pain on his injured knee, he was advised for repatriation.

Upon returning to the Philippines, he filed a claim for EC temporary total disability (TTD) benefits with the



Atty. Gloria A. Tango (inset), Regional Director of DOLE Region 7 delivers the welcome remarks during ECC's ECP Advocacy Seminar held at the Waterfront Hotel in Cebu City on January 24, 2013. The seminar was attended by 185 human resource officers and representatives from 137 companies in Region VII.

ECC grants disability benefits to a seaman for knee injury

The Employees' Compensation Commission (ECC) recently granted EC temporary total disability (TTD) benefits and reimbursement of medical expenses to Arnel V. Mariano for his work-connected knee injury.

Mariano, a 47 year-old resident of Caloocan City, has suffered a knee-injury while employed as a chief cook by Scanmar Maritime Services, Inc. in Makati City.

Social Security System (SSS). The SSS ruled against Mariano's claim stating that his condition was considered pre-existing considering that he underwent a ligament operation on the same knee prior to the accident.

The ECC reversed the decision of the SSS.

According to ECC, there was a failure on the part of the SSS to consider the fact that the knee injury was sustained while Mariano was performing his duty onboard the vessel. It was the responsible cause that leads to the manifestation of his claimed illness. It was also established that there was neither misconduct nor negligence on the part

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ECC partners with Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center to provide rehabilitation services to ODWs

Baguio City- The Employees' Compensation Commission (ECC), an attached agency of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), recently established partnership with Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center (BGHMC), by signing a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to provide rehabilitation services to occupationally disabled workers (ODWs) under the ECC's *Katulong at Gabay sa Manggagawang may Kapansanan* (KAGABAY) Program.

The KaGabay Program aims to integrate ODWs into the economic mainstream through granting of physical or occupational therapy services. These services can be availed of by workers with approved EC disability benefits from the SSS for the

private sector including sea-based OFWs with manning agencies based in the Philippines, and the Government Service Insurance System for the public sector.

The MOA provide that ODWs, who are in need of physical restoration therapy should be referred by ECC to the BGHMC. This aims to integrate the ODWs as productive members of society.

BGHMC will render physical or occupational rehabilitation therapy services to the referred ODWs. These services are free of charge for the ODWs.

ECC CAR is located at the DOLE, CAR Office in Cabinet Hills, Baguio City.



Gil Datayan, ECC Regional staff for CAR and Manuel V. Factor, M.D., MHA-Medical Center Chief, Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center (BGHMC), shake hands after the signing of Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between ECC and BGHMC. The MOA will provide rehabilitation services to occupationally disabled workers (ODWs) under the ECC's Katulong at Gabay sa Manggagawang may Kapansanan (KAGABAY) Program.

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of the claimant. Thus, it was the performance of his duties that caused the injury, and therefore, it is compensable under the EC Program.

Employees' Compensation Commission (ECC) is an attached agency of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) whose mandate is to provide a meaningful and appropriate compensation to workers in the event of work-related contingencies.

EC claims for sickness or injury resulting in disability or death are filed at the SSS for the private sector and the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) for the public sector.



Wilmer De Andres, an occupationally-disabled worker (ODW) and a recipient of scholarship under ECC's KaGabay Program, shares the story behind the success of his meatshop business to fellow ODWs during the last session of the Curriculum Based Training on Start Your Own Business Enterprise (CBT-SYOB) held at the ECC Multi-Purpose Hall on January 30, 2013.

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workers through updating the conditions for compensability of occupational diseases under Annex "A" of PD 626, as amended.

For detailed conditions for compensability of occupational diseases and work-related illnesses under the EC Program, please call 899-42-51 or 52 or visit our website at ecc.gov.ph.

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