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GOOD GOVERNANCE, TRANSPARENCY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY	
<p>ECC grants disability benefits to a seaman for knee injury</p>	<p>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. ob</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Due to severe pain on his injured knee, he was advised for repatriation.</p> <p>Upon returning to the Philippines, he filed a claim for EC temporary total disability (TTD) benefits with the 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.</p> <p>The ECC reversed the decision of the SSS.</p> <p>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 of the claimant. Thus, it was the performance of his duties that caused the injury, and therefore, it is compensable under the EC Program.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

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. Factora, M.D.**, MHA-Medical Center Chief, Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center (BGHMC), shakes 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.

