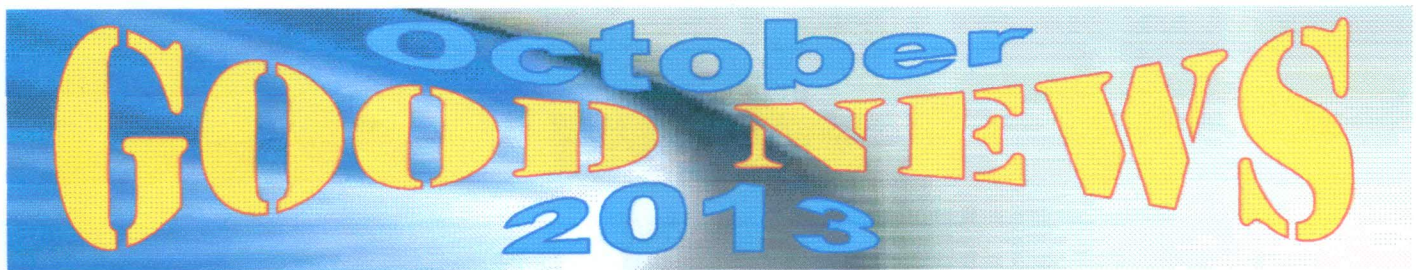




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<p><b>ECC eases rules for reimbursement of medical services</b></p>	<p>The Employees' Compensation Commission (ECC) recently issued Board Resolution No. 13-08-25 entitled '<i>Prescribing a Revised Policy on Accreditation of Hospitals and Physicians under the Employees' Compensation Program (ECP) Amending for this Purpose Rule XVII of the Amended Rules on Employees' Compensation</i>'.</p> <p>The new policy states that for 'purposes of processing of payment for medical services provided to ODWs, government and private hospitals duly licensed by the Department of Health (DOH) and accredited by the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth); and physicians duly licensed by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) are automatically deemed accredited by the ECC'.</p> <p>With the new policy, it is now more convenient for the ODWs to receive medical service from a wider scope of hospitals and physicians, and to make the medical services available nationwide.</p> <p>Thus, the need to find an ECC accredited hospital and doctor is dispensed with. Only a few hospitals and physicians were accredited by the Commission under its Rules. The Commission has likewise stopped accrediting hospitals and physicians since 2001.</p>
<p><b>ECC holds seminar, facilitated livelihood grant to ODWs</b></p>	<p>The Employees' Compensation Commission (ECC) conducted a seminar-workshop on Good Manufacturing Practices, 5S on Good Housekeeping and Food Safety for the Occupationally Disabled Workers (ODWs), which was held at the ECC Multi-Purpose Hall, Makati City on September 23, 2013.</p> <p>The topics in this one-day event were comprehensively lectured by experts from the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) namely Mr. Elvin B. Almazar, Science Research Specialist II and Program Coordinator, and Engr. Rogelio B. Prospero, Senior Science Research Specialist, Technical Operations Division.</p> <p>The ODW participants learned relevant knowledge from the seminar-workshop which they can adapt to their respective entrepreneurship activities. Most of the ODWs, who are engaged in businesses like manufacturing, retailing and service delivery, expressed their appreciation to ECC since the seminar also provided information which can advance the objectives of their ODW Association and Cooperative.</p>

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ECC conducted this activity as a supplement to the earlier entrepreneurial and skills trainings given to the ODWs under the KAGABAY Program. Since the ODWs have already commenced with their respective businesses, the ECC deemed it important to provide the best practices in manufacturing, house-keeping and food safety as a tool to improve their business operations.

At the culmination of the activity, DOLE NCR through its Makati-Pasay Field Office Director Rowella V. Grande, took the opportunity to hand the symbolic check to the 22 ODW- beneficiaries of the 'Kabuhayan Starter Kits' worth five thousand pesos for each ODW.



*Members of ODW Credit Cooperative attentively listen to **Elvin B. Almazar**, DOST Science Research Specialist II, and **Engr. Rogelio B. Prospero**, DOST Sr. Science Research Specialist during seminar on Manufacturing Practice, Food Safety and Handling, and 5S of Good Housekeeping held at the ECC Multipurpose Hall on September 23, 2013.*

**ECC orients newly hired Information Officers, Administrative Officers**

The Employees' Compensation Commission recently added Information Officers and Administrative Officers to its growing personnel. They will man the newly created ECC Regional Extension Units in several regions in the country.

This is in line with the objective of the Commission to bring the Employees Compensation Program (ECP) closer to its customers in the different regions.

The information officers will handle the information dissemination of the EC program in the cities and provinces under their jurisdiction, where they will conduct in-house and on-site ECP seminars, act as ECC resource speaker on different fora, publish ECP stories and press releases and undertake other activities to improve awareness on the ECP benefits and services.

The administrative officers will serve as focal persons for the Kagabay Program, Rehabilitation Services, and the Quick Response Program and attend to claimants and administrative tasks. They are also required to coordinate closely with DOLE Regional Offices for program implementation.

Before the newly-hired employees commenced with their actual performance, they first underwent a two-week orientation and immersion at the ECC

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Central Office in Makati. The orientation activities included a meet-and-greet introduction to ECC, familiarization with the programs of the different ECC divisions, and participation in the ECC trainers' training. They were also exposed to the actual MOA signing between the ECC and a training institution, actual quick-response assistance to injured workers and have witnessed the fostering of closer relationship with SSS personnel for coordination in identifying customers. Their two week immersion on the actual duties and responsibilities that they will be performing in the regions will surely equip them for their work in their respective posts.

The new ECC employees are, **Remedios V. Andrada**, Information Officer and **Christopher A. Caronan**, Administrative Officer - Region II; **Naomi DM. Velasquez**, Information Officer, **Coco Chanel G. Garcia**, Administrative Officer - Region III; **Ma. Yvette C. Bonavente**, Information Officer, **Ruby DLS. Imperial**, Administrative Officer - Region V; **Jerylle Marie Q. Blanza**, Administrative Officer - Region XII; **Olga Virginia A. Demata**, Information Office, and **Genevieve A. Elorde**, Administrative Officer - Region XIII.

The new ECC regional personnel appreciated the series of activities in their orientation and immersion. Albeit short, it sparked a new-found vigor, a commitment to bring the EC program to the workers with a heartfelt service, and an enthusiasm to make a difference on the lives of workers or employees who suffered from work-related contingencies.



Newly-hired ECC employees listen to Atty. Gene Franco Galicia of the Information and Public Assistance Division (IPAD) during an orientation on the Employees' Compensation Program (ECP) held at ECC Conference Room 4B on October 7, 2013. The hiring of additional employees who will be deployed in the different parts of the country is a part of ECC's regionalization program.

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**ECC QUICK-RESPONSE PROGRAM**



*ECC-QRT member Jocelyn Denoga hands over a bag of grocery to an injured soldier confined at the Heroes Hall of the AFP Medical Center in V. Luna during a QRT visit on October 2, 2013.*



*ECC Quick-Response Team member Jocelyn Denoga interviews an injured soldier confined at the AFPMC during a visit on October 11, 2013. The team was accompanied by Erma Selibio (extreme right), Head, Social Services Department, Armed Forces of the Philippines Medical Center.(AFPMC),*

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*A Corridor Full of Heroes. Confined soldiers at the AFP Medical Center who were wounded in the line of duty from the different parts of the country including the recent fighting in Zamboanga City listen to Dr. Sarah Antonia I. Concepcion, team leader of the ECC-Quick Response Team as she explains the benefits of the Employees' Compensation Program during a QRT visit on October 2, 2013. (Inset) Colonel Edgar Salvadora, AFP Medical Center Operations Manager welcomes the ECC-QRT and expresses his gratitude to the Employees' Compensation Commission in behalf of the AFPMC management.*



*Colonel Edwin Leo T. Torrelavega, Commanding Officer of the Armed Forces of the Philippines Medical Center (AFPMC) welcomes the members of the ECC Quick-Response Team headed by Dr. Sarah Antonia H. Concepcion (extreme right) and member Jocelyn Denoga (extreme left), during the team's visit on October 11, 2013. Also in the picture is Erma Selibio (2<sup>nd</sup> from the left), Head of Social Services Department of the AFPMC. The team provided information and assistance to uniformed members of the AFP in the filing of their EC claims.*

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**ECP ADVOCACY PROGRAM**



*Members of the Philippine National Police (PNP) attentively listen to Alice S. Borres, Information Officer III as she explains the benefits of the Employees' Compensation Program (ECP) during an information drive held at the PNP Multi-Purpose Center, Camp Crame, Quezon City on October 9, 2013. (Inset) A uniformed personnel of the PNP raises a point on the coverage of the EC Program.*



*Alice S. Borres, ECC Information Officer discusses the different compensable diseases under the Employees' Compensation Program (ECP) during one of her lectures attended by DOLE's Labor Laws Compliance Officers (LLCOs) held at the Occupational Safety and Health Center on October 10, 2013.*

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