Audit Committee Accomplishments

The Audit Committee has the primary responsibility to oversee, monitor and evaluate the adequacy and effectiveness of PhilHealth's internal control system, engage and provide oversight of the Corporation's internal and external auditors, and coordinate with the Commission on Audit (COA). The Audit Committee is composed of: 1) Chairperson Ruperto B. Aleroza from the National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC); 2) Vice-Chairperson Atty. Nora M. Saludares/Atty. Lucio L. Yu from the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS); Members 3) Ms. Jane M.N Sta. Ana from the Filipino Overseas Workers Sector; 4) Atty. Silvestre H. Bello III from the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE); 5) Atty. Ronnie T. Dadivas from the Health Care Providers Sector; and 6) Atty. Noel O. Palomado from the Formal Economy Sector.

For the past three (3) years from 2013 to 2016, the Audit Committee discussed and provided directives relating to: 1) Management Audit on the Procurement, Financial, LGU Receivables, Unclaimed Refund, Collection and Availment Behavior, Logistics Expenses, Performance-Based Bonus and Human Resource Systems; 2) Operations Audit on the All Case Rates, No-Balance Billing, Primary Care Benefit I, Maternity Care Package, Cataract Package and Accreditation of Health Care Professionals, PhilHealth Overseas Filipinos Program, PhilHealth CARES Programs/Projects; and 3) Information Systems Audit on the N-Claims, Membership and Contribution Information System (MCIS) and Other Related Application Systems and Utilities, PhilHealth Enrollment and Registration. Such initiatives redounded to 1096 Audit Observations with corresponding 1775 Audit Recommendations for management action.

As part of the ongoing efforts to ensure the adequacy and effectiveness of internal control system, including effectiveness and efficiency of operations, the Management undertook critical actions that addressed the major audit observations. Enhancements in certain benefit policies, systems and packages were issued to ensure the coverage and access of members to quality health care. On the critical support systems, enhancement and clarification of guidelines ensued to warrant the strengthened compliance to laws, rules and regulations, including office policies. Lastly, reinforcement in the information systems policies was made to reiterate the need to segregate the duties and responsibilities as one (1) of the control activities in the use of application systems.

The Internal Audit Group (IAG)'s management is composed of: 1) Atty. Jay R. Villegas as the Chief Audit Executive; 2) Financial Audit Department Head Atty. Alex B. Canaveral; 3) Operations Audit Head Alberto C. Manduriao; and 4) Task Force IT Audit Head Gary A. Gaffud.