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PhilHealth Circular Nos. 17 & 19 s. 2007 on the Non-Compensability of Claims for Cataract Surgery Performed During Medical Missions and Thru other Recruitment Schemes Cover and Extend to Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Arrangements and other Similar Arrangements

Pursuant to PhilHealth Circular No. 17 s. 2007 and Circular No. 19 s. 2007 implementing the discontinuance of compensability of claims for cataract surgery performed during medical missions and thru other recruitment schemes thereby limiting the compensable claims for cataract surgery, the Corporation hereby adopts the following clarificatory policies and guidelines:

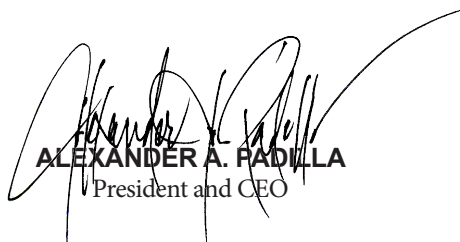
“Medical Mission” or “Cataract Mission” shall mean an outreach program of altruistic and humanitarian considerations which shall strictly be free and non-profit to provide free cataract surgery to all Filipinos regardless of age and who have very limited and/or without any means of affording such surgical procedure. The “Mission” shall include but shall not be limited to outreach programs initiated and conducted by private and/or public healthcare providers, medical and/or professional groups and/or associations, individual healthcare professionals, non-government organizations (NGOs) and Local Government Units (LGUs) and its instrumentalities.

“Recruitment schemes” shall cover but not be limited to any and all acts whether performed by an individual, groups or entity for the purpose of recruiting, soliciting, seeking, enticing, obtaining, persuading, promoting, or encouraging individuals or groups whether PhilHealth members or not, as prospects and/or potential patients/candidates for cataract surgery regardless of their age.

Recruitment shall mean any of the above-enumerated schemes and/or acts whether done directly or indirectly, for the purpose of gaining something whether in the form of payment of monetary benefit or for any other consideration.

The Non-Compensability of Claims for Cataract Surgery Performed during Medical Missions and thru other Recruitment Schemes pursuant to PhilHealth Circular Nos. 17 and 19 s. 2007 is hereby clarified that it covers and extends to any and all types and forms of Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Arrangements and any other Similar Arrangements and Agreements entered into by any healthcare institution/professional or any juridical entity with any Local Government Unit (LGU) or its instrumentality including any government entity or non-government organizations (NGOs).

For information and compliance of all concerned.



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