

## SPECIAL PRIVILEGES FOR VICTIMS OF ACUTE GASTROENTERITIS OUTBREAK IN ZAMBOANGA CITY

Pursuant to Executive Order No. BC 174-2016 (**An Order Declaring a Gastroenteritis Outbreak in the City of Zamboanga**) issued by Mayor Beng Climaco and as reported by the Zamboanga City Medical Center that the number of admitted cases of acute gastroenteritis for the first quarter of 2016 has reached alert levels, the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) shall extend special privileges for the victims of the outbreak.

In view of this, they shall be exempted from the provisions stated in PhilHealth Circular No. 2016-001 (***Policy Statements on the Diagnosis and Management of Acute Gastroenteritis***) particularly on the required length of stay (LOS) of three (3) days or 72 hours. Further, health care institutions providing care to these patients afflicted by the acute gastroenteritis outbreak may file claims according to the provisions stated in PhilHealth Circular No. 0034, s. 2013 (***Guidelines on the Provision of Special Privileges to Those Affected by a Fortuitous Event***) and attaching the statement of account or billing statement as supplementary document to all claims application for acute gastroenteritis.



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