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PROVISION OF SPECIAL PRIVILEGES TO THOSE AFFECTED BY THE TROPICAL STORM “URDUJA” (DECEMBER 15-17, 2017) IN REGION VIII

The grant of special privileges shall be implemented to those affected by the tropical storm “Urduja” that resulted in the worsening economic conditions and rising health problems in **Region VIII**. This shall be in accordance with the guidelines on the Provision of Special Privileges to those affected by a Fortuitous Event (PhilHealth Circular 34, s.2013), to wit:

- Ensure availment of *active*, *inactive* and *non-PhilHealth* members on in-patient, out-patient cases and other packages in all government and private HCIs within the affected areas. PhilHealth Circular No. 2017-0025: Guidelines on the Implementation of Point-of-Service (POS) shall be applicable;
- Exemption to 24-hour confinement rule and forty-five (45) days benefit limit;
- Lifting of Single Period of Confinement rule; and
- Reimbursement for both referring and receiving Health Care Institutions.

These special privileges shall be given from December 15, 2017 and will end on December 31, 2018 in consonance with the provisions stated in PhilHealth Circular 34, s.2013 to all government and selected facilities identified by the Corporation based on performance and accountability issues.

In the event that some cases are not covered by this policy, it may be referred to the Interim President and CEO for approval.



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