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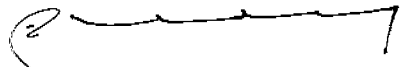
**FOR** : ALL NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM MEMBERS, ALL REGIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE OFFICES, ACCREDITED HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND ALL CONCERNED

**SUBJECT** : Non-reimbursement of Claims for Certain Drugs Banned / Prohibited by the Department of Health and Bureau of Food and Drugs

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Effective January 1, 2000, the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation will strictly comply with executive orders/circulars emanating from the Department of Health (DOH) and Bureau of Food and Drugs (BFAD) banning or prohibiting the use and proliferation of certain drugs in the local market. Therefore, PhilHealth will not honor claims for reimbursement for any drug publicly banned or withdrawn by the DOH or BFAD within the year 2000.

The non-reimbursement will immediately take effect regardless of preparation, dosage, cost and quality of any drug withdrawn from the market. PhilHealth will act upon this to preserve the interest of all the members of the National Health Insurance Program and uphold health and medical services in cooperation with the DOH and BFAD.

  
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