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TO : ALL ACCREDITED HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS,
 CLAIMS PROCESSING DEPARTMENTS - NATIONAL
 CAPITAL REGION AND PHILHEALTH REGIONAL
 OFFICES AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

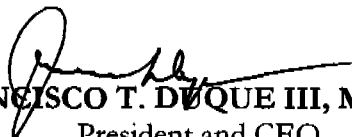
SUBJECT : NEW PAYMENT SCHEME FOR VASECTOMY, TUBAL
 LIGATION AND CATARACT PROCEDURES

Please be informed of the new payment scheme for the following procedures, which shall be applied to all claims with admissions starting 01 November 2002:

1. Cataract surgeries performed in freestanding surgical facilities shall now be compensated similar to other surgical procedures in the RVS 2001. They shall have the same RVU as inpatient cataract extraction procedures and computation of benefits shall be based on a secondary hospital category. In addition, all intraocular lens (IOL) used in all outpatient and inpatient cataract surgeries shall be reimbursed under supplies. This supersedes PhilHealth Circular 312 series of 1995.
2. Similarly, PhilHealth benefits (hospital charges and professional fee) for vasectomy and tubal ligation shall now be computed similar to other surgical procedures in RVS 2001 and the relative value units assigned for these procedures are as follows:

CODE	DESCRIPTIVE TERMS	RVU
55250	Vasectomy, unilateral or bilateral	15
58600	Ligation or transection of fallopian tube(s), abdominal or vaginal approach, unilateral or bilateral	15

For your guidance.


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