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TO : Accredited Health Care Providers and All Concerned

SUBJECT : Guidelines for the Recognition of National Associations of Health Care Providers (NAHCP)

Section 73, Rule XI of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the National Health Insurance Act (RA 7875) as amended by RA 9241 states that "the Corporation shall identify and recognize national associations of health care providers (HCPs) for the purpose of assuring quality health care." The HCPs to be represented by their respective national associations include:

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| * Hospitals | * Maternity Care Providers |
| * Ambulatory Surgical Clinics (ASCs) | * Doctors |
| * Freestanding Dialysis Clinics (FDCs) | * Dentists |
| * TB-DOTS Care Providers | * Midwives |

In view of this, a Committee is created within PhilHealth for the purpose of appraising national associations of HCPs that apply for recognition. The functions of the Committee include the following:

1. It shall assess the compliance of the applicant to the requirements for recognition;
2. It shall recommend to the President and CEO the approval or denial of recognition; and
3. It shall recommend to the President and CEO the de-listing or removal of recognition of national association after due process

The requirements for recognition to be submitted by the applicant-national association are as follows:

1. The association's annual report for the last three years;
2. A listing of all members distributed per province;
3. The SEC or CDA registration papers or its equivalent as proof of its juridical personality;
4. The training or teaching materials used for the Continuing Professional Education (CPE) program including certificate of attendance, reports (if available) for CPEs attended by its members (equivalent to a minimum number of units or hours for a particular period) for the last 2 years;
5. An undertaking specifying among others the following:
 - * cooperation with PhilHealth in the implementation of quality assurance programs;
 - * cooperation with PhilHealth in the investigation, discipline and imposition of penalties to erring accredited members of the association;
 - * compliance with the requirements and conditions for participation in the NHIP; and
 - * to name the designated point persons per region who would assist in addressing the aforesaid concerns.

All applicant-national associations must attach an application letter to be submitted together with the above-mentioned requirements. The applications shall be acted upon within 60 calendar days from receipt by the Corporation.

All existing recognized national associations need not apply for recognition but are required to submit the requirements listed above within one month from the date of publication of this circular.

This circular shall take effect after 15 days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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