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PHILHEALTH CIRCULAR

No. 15, 2007

TO : ALL MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (NHIP), ALL PHILHEALTH ACCREDITED HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : Unclaimed PhilHealth Reimbursements to Members and the Consequential Penalties in Case of Violation

The Implementing Rules and Regulations of R.A. 7875, otherwise known as the National Health Insurance Act, as amended by R.A. 9241 provides for conditions when the hospital could file claims for reimbursements for the hospitalization of members and/or their dependents. With this, despite the provisions set forth in the Implementing Rules and Regulations and the PhilHealth Circular No. 027, s-2000 mandating accredited health care providers and professionals to return to the member the difference of the PhilHealth benefits paid in full, it has been noted that unclaimed reimbursements due to members abound and has been accumulating in the hands of health care providers and professionals.

Anent this, pursuant to PhilHealth Board Resolution No. 761, s.2005 dated January 27, 2005 with the objectives of ensuring that all PhilHealth benefit reimbursements are eventually refunded to and received by the rightful members and of eliminating the accumulation of such refunds in the hands of accredited health care providers and professionals, all accredited health care providers who have already been reimbursed in full of the deductions made in the patient-member's accounts are directed to return to the members the difference thereof within thirty (30) calendar days from the receipt of such refund from PhilHealth.

Moreover, all accredited health care providers shall submit to the Corporation a financial report covering the reimbursements received from PhilHealth specifically showing the unclaimed reimbursements due to PhilHealth members as this said report shall form part of the requirements for accreditation effective 2008.

Non-compliance on the provisions of this Circular shall constitute a violation of and shall be penalized in accordance with the pertinent provisions of R.A. 7875, as amended, and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, as amended, without prejudice to the filing of appropriate civil and/or criminal complaint against the erring health care provider.

All other issuances inconsistent with the above-mentioned provisions are hereby amended or repealed accordingly.

This Circular shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication.

For your information and guidance.

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Acting President & CEO

Date Signed: August 6, 2007