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PHILHEALTH CIRCULAR

No. 028-2014

TO : ALL ACCREDITED HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS,
 PHILHEALTH MEMBERS, PHILHEALTH OFFICES AND
 ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : Suspension of Reimbursement for LASIK (Laser-Assisted in situ
 Keratomileusis) Procedures

Pursuant to PhilHealth Circular No. 7, s-2004, the Corporation has been reimbursing LASIK procedures to rehabilitate post-operative, **SURGICALLY INDUCED** astigmatism and/or anisometropia.

Numerous consultations with the appropriate specialists in the field of ophthalmology, medical societies and clinicians were done in reviewing the said policy. As such, the Corporation has determined that the compensation of laser refractive procedures done for the aforementioned post-operative complications is inappropriate. Hence, the reimbursement of **LASIK (Laser-Assisted in situ Keratomileusis)** procedure with **RVS CODE 65760** is hereby suspended.

This policy shall continue to undergo review based on the latest evidence and monitoring findings.

This Circular shall take effect fifteen (15) calendar days from the date of publication in any newspaper of general circulation and thereafter deposited with the National Administrative Register at the University of the Philippines Law Center.

ALEXANDER A. PABIALA
 President and CEO

Date signed: 11/17/14

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 Date: 11/17/14
 PhilHealth Office of the CEO