

PhilHealth-CAR receives work force boost through Benguet GIP



Twenty college graduate students from Benguet Province have joined the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) Regional Office-Cordillera Administrative Region (PRO-CAR) as interns under the Government Internship Program (GIP) of the Office of Benguet Congressman Eric Go Yap in partnership with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE).

The GIP aims to provide employment to new graduates of the province. Particularly the deployment of newly-graduates is seen to boost processing of PhilHealth claims of Benguet's accredited health care facilities.

Of the 20 interns, five were deployed to the Benguet Local Health Insurance Office (LHIO) in La Trinidad, Benguet, while the remaining 15 were assigned to PRO-CAR in Baguio City.

To familiarize the interns with the mandates of PhilHealth under the Universal Health Care Law, they were given an orientation on the National Health Insurance Program (NHIP), an overview of their workload as claims processors, and a briefing on Human Resource matters.

The GIP is a 6-month undertaking with the first and second contracts running from

October to December 2021 and January to March 2022,

respectively. The DOLE and the Office of the Benguet Solon said that the interns' compensation will be sourced from the Benguet Congressional Office.

Following the Special Program for the Employment of Students or SPES where PhilHealth-CAR is a recipient of assistance from the City Government of Baguio, the GIP interns will report to work from Mondays to Fridays to encode, sort, tag, and file claim documents.

Acting Regional Vice President Dominga A. Gadgad welcomed the collaboration and expressed her gratitude to Rep. Yap, since PRO-CAR and LHIO La Trinidad receive 1,500 to 2,000 claims daily for various illnesses including COVID-19-related claims, adding that RT-PCR tests, isolation, and hospital confinements add up to the volume of reimbursements being processed by PRO-CAR. ###

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