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No. 6, s. 1991

INCREASING MEDICARE BENEFITS UNDER THE PHILIPPINE
MEDICAL CARE PLAN

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau Directors/Cultural Agency Directors
Directors of Services/Centers and Heads of Units
Regional Directors
Schools Superintendents
Presidents, State Colleges and Universities
Heads of Private Schools, Colleges and Universities
Vocational School Superintendents/Administrators

1. For the information and guidance of all concerned, inclosed is a copy of Executive Order No. 441 entitled "Increasing Medicare Benefits Under the Philippine Medical Care Plan," signed on December 21, 1990 by the President of the Philippines and took effect January 1, 1991.
2. Immediate dissemination of this Order is desired.

(SGD.) ISIDRO D. CARINO
Secretary

Incl.:
As stated

Reference:
None

Allotment: 1-2-3-4--(M.O. 1-87)

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(Inclosure to DECS Order No. 6, s. 1991)

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 441

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UNDER THE PHILIPPINE MEDICAL CARE PLAN

WHEREAS, in the light of present economic conditions with increase in prices of practically all commodities, including the cost of medicines and hospitalization, it is deemed necessary and timely to further increase and enhance the medicare benefits granted to SSS and GSIS members, to make them more meaningful and responsive to the times;

WHEREAS, under the present policy of the SSS, only active members and retiree-pensioners and their dependents enjoy medicare benefits;

WHEREAS, SSS death and total disability pensioners and their dependents must likewise be assisted in the medical care expenses similar to the old age pensioners and their dependents;

WHEREAS, under the policy of the GSIS adopted since 1974, retiree-pensioners are granted free medicare benefits;

WHEREAS, the government desires to increase medicare benefits to a meaningful level;

WHEREAS, actuarial studies show that the Health Insurance Fund administered by the SSS for medicare beneficiaries in the private sector and by the GSIS for medicare beneficiaries in the government sector can further finance an 80% across-the-board increase in the hospital room and board rates, and 67% increase in drugs and medicines; and a 25% increase in all other Medicare benefits which will result to a 58% overall increase and the inclusion under the medical care program of SSS death and disability pensioners and their dependents, and dependents of GSIS pensioners without the need for increase in contributions;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Medical Care Commission has recommended further enhancement of the benefits under Medicare program;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AGUIÑO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The Medicare benefits for both GSIS and SSS Medicare beneficiaries are increased as follows:

BENEFIT LIMIT
(BY HOSPITAL CATEGORY)

ITEMS OF HOSPITALIZATION :	PRIMARY :	SECONDARY :	TERTIARY :
A. HOSPITAL CHARGES :	:	:	:
1. Room and board not ex-ceeding 45 days per year for each member of program 1 and another 45 days per year to be shared by all his dependents :	# 45/day :	# 80/day :	# 100/day :
2. Medical expenses benefit (per single) period of confinement :	:	:	:
2.1 Ordinary cases :	# 600 :	# 910 :	#1,145 :
Drugs and medicines :	495 :	660 :	705 :
X-ray/lab/other :	105 :	250 :	440 :
2.2 Intensive cases :	#1,162.50 :	#1,700 :	#2,900 :
Drugs and medicines :	937.50 :	1,125 :	2,025 :
X-ray/lab/other :	225 :	575 :	875 :
2.3 Catastrophic Cases :	- :	3,660 :	5,565 :
Drugs and Medicines :	- :	2,535 :	2,895 :
X-ray/lab/other :	- :	1,125 :	2,670 :
3. Operating room fee based on commission's relative unit value (RUV) Scheme :	:	:	:
3.1 RUV 5 and below :	115 :	205 :	325 :
3.2 RUV 5.1 to 10 :	- :	350 :	415 :
3.3 RUV 10.1 and above :	- :	800 :	1,075 :

B. Professional Fees

1. Medical/Dental practitioner's fee per day of ₱45 for general practitioners and ₱65 for specialists not to exceed per single period of confinement, ₱250 for general practitioner and ₱375 for specialist in ordinary cases; and ₱375 for general practitioner and ₱625 for specialist in intensive care/catastrophic cases.
2. Surgeon's fee in accordance with the relative unit value scheme prescribed by the commission not to exceed ₱5,900.
3. Anesthesiologist's fee (30% of allowed surgeon's fee) not to exceed ₱1,770.
4. Fees for surgical family planning procedures as may be determined by the commission.

SEC. 2. Death and total disability pensioners of SSS, as well as their dependents shall be entitled to Medical Care benefits without need for any additional contribution.

SEC. 3. Dependents of GSIS retiree-pensioners shall also be covered with Medicare benefits.

SEC. 4. All orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. This Executive Order shall take effect on the 1st day of January, 1991.

Done in the City of Manila this 21st day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

(SGD.) CORAZON C. AQUINO

By the President:

(SGD.) OSCAR M. ORBOS
Executive Secretary

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