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DECS O R D E R
No. 25, s. 1992

SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN MEDICARE BENEFITS

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. Inclosed is a copy of Medicare Circular No. 287, dated December 27, 1991 of the Philippine Medical Care Commission regarding the substantial increases in Medicare benefits for both Government Service Insurance System and Social Security System beneficiaries effective January 1, 1992.

2. Wide dissemination of this Order is requested.

(SGD.) ISIDRO D. CARINO
Secretary

Incl.:
As stated

Reference:
None

Allotment: 1-2-3-4--(M.O. 1-97)

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under the following subjects:

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<Inclosure to DECS Order No. 25, s. 1991>

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December 27, 1991

MEDICARE CIRCULAR
No. 287, s. 1991

TO : All Medicare Members, all Accredited Hospitals,
Physicians and Dentists, and the Medicare
Departments of the Government Service Insurance
System and Social Security System

SUBJECT : SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN MEDICARE BENEFITS

The President approved another increase in Medicare benefits thru Executive Order No. 501, to take effect January 1, 1992, which is quoted verbatim hereunder:

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 501

INCREASING MEDICARE BENEFITS UNDER THE PHILIPPINE MEDICAL CARE PLAN

WHEREAS, the need arises to upgrade Medicare benefits in order to make the Program responsive to its members;

WHEREAS, the government desires to increase Medicare benefits to preserve the Program's support level;

WHEREAS, actuarial studies show that the Health Insurance Fund administered by the SSS for Medicare beneficiaries in the private sectors and the GSIS for Medicare beneficiaries in the government sector can further finance a 20% across the board increase in all items of hospitalization compensable under the Medicare Program;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Medical Care Commission has recommended further enhancements of the benefits under the Medicare Program;

NOW THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, 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)

ITEM OF HOSPITALIZATION : PRIMARY : SECONDARY : TERTIARY

A. HOSPITAL CHARGES			
	PRIMARY	SECONDARY	TERTIARY
1. Room and Board not exceeding 45 days per year for each member of Program I and another 45 days per year to be shared by all his dependents	P 55/DAY	P 100/DAY	P 120/DAY
2. Medical Expense benefit (Per single period of confinement)			
2.1 ORDINARY CASES	P 720	P 1,090	P 1,375
Drugs & Medicines	595	790	845
X-Ray/Lab/Others	125	300	530
2.2 INTENSIVE CASES	1,395	2,040	3,460
Drugs & Medicines	1,125	1,350	2,430
X-Ray/Lab/Others	270	690	1,050
2.3 CATASTROPHIC CASES	-	4,390	6,660
Drugs & Medicines	-	3,040	3,475
X-Ray/Lab/Others	-	1,350	3,205
3. Operating Room Fee based on Commission's Relative Unit Value (RUV) Scheme			
3.1 RUV 5 & Below	100	245	390
3.2 RUV 5-1 to 10	-	420	500
3.3 RUV 10-1 & ABOVE	-	960	1,290

B. PROFESSIONAL FEES

1. Medical/Dental Practitioner's Fee, per day of #55 for General Practitioners and #60 for Specialists, not to exceed per single period of confinement, #300 for General Practitioner and #450 for Specialist in ordinary cases; and #450 for General Practitioner and #750 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 #7,050.
3. Anesthesiologist's Fee (30% of allowed Surgeon's Fee) not to exceed #2,125.
4. Fees for Surgical Family Planning procedures as may be determined by the Commission.

SECTION 2. All orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 3. This Executive Order shall take effect on the 1st day of January, 1992.

Done in the City of Manila this 27th day of December in the year of OUR Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(SGD.) CORAZON C. AQUINO

By the President:

(SGD.) FRANKLIN M. DRILON
Executive Secretary

The benefits provided under this Executive Order are not accompanied by an increase in the current contribution rate of 1.25%. Employees however, are hereby reminded that under Executive Order No. 365 approved in 1989, the maximum contribution base of #2,500.00 per month will take effect starting January 1 until December 31, 1992.

Inpatients discharged on or after January 1, 1992 are entitled to the new benefits even if they were admitted before the said date.

Please be guided accordingly.

(SGD.) ANTONIO O. PERIQUET, M.D.
Vice-Chairman

By:

(SGD.) MELINDA C. MERCADO
Officer-in-Charge