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SUBJECT: RESPONSE OF THE NATIONAL PRIVACY COMMISSION

TO PMA'S POSITION PAPER

Today, we have received the response of the National Privacy Commission regarding the position paper of the Philippine Medical Association on the registration of the personal data processing system of individual physicians, as per attached.

In this response letter, the National Privacy Commission has reiterated the threefold purpose of the registration, which primarily focuses on the protection of both the PICs/PIPs and their data subjects.

With all this clearly explained to us once again, the Philippine Medical Association wants to ensure that all our member-physicians be shielded from any possible data security breach in this digital age, by complying with the Data Privacy Law.

In this regard, we strongly advise all medical practitioners who meet the requirements provided in Section 47 of the IRR of the Data Privacy Act and NPC Circular 17-01 to register on or before the registration deadline, **July 2, 2018**.

The National Privacy Commission has simplified the online registration form and does not require you to submit supporting documents anymore. This new registration process should take less than five minutes. We have attached here also the sample modified registration form and guidelines for the new registration for your information and guidance.

Those who have previously registered but did not receive any confirmation code from NPC yet, may register again using this new modified form and procedures. Should you have any queries on or problems during your registration, you may email or call them thru the email addresses and phone numbers provided on their website, respectively.

As I reaffirm our previous PMA President Dr. Irineo Bernardo's theme: 'Changing Mindset in Charting the Future', let us shift our mindset to make a positive change, not just in our respective communities, but in the entire country. Let us be the best role models by being law-abiding citizens first, then professionals of integrity next.

Thank you for your cooperation and support!

Very truly yours,

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