MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO: 2019-12-19-043

TO: ALL PRESIDENTS OF COMPONENT, SPECIALTY DIVISIONS, SUB-SPECIALTY SOCIETIES, AFFILIATE SOCIETIES

SUBJECT: MEETING WITH PHILHEALTH

DATE: DECEMBER 19, 2019

Dear PMA Members,

The meeting between the PMA President Dr. Jose P. Santiago Jr. and PHIC President BGen Ricardo C. Morales, VP for Corporate Affairs Dr. Shirley B. Domingo and EVP for Administration Mr. Arnel de F. Jesus together with the PMA Governors, specialty divisions and subspecialty societies held December 18, 2019 at PMA Auditorium came up with the following agreements:

1. The accreditation will be separated from payments of our premium. As the premiums are embedded under the UHC law, PHIC cannot change the rates, but agreed to soften the impacts by allowing us to pay either quarterly or annually. A circular will be released by PHIC to its regional office. For those who are already paid for multi years, no additional payments will be charged for the rest of the renewed accredited period.

2. Direct contributors will have added benefits as mandated under Section 10 of the UHC law, there will be corresponding benefits still to be designed and to be approved by HTAC.

3. The CF 4 will be reviewed and possibly shortened for ease of accomplishment.

4. For Radiologist the Hospitals should appropriate corresponding amount from the Doctor’s Professional fee.

5. For APEX hospitals PhilHealth will contract directly with them and thus budget will not pass thru LGU under the UHC IRR.
6. The surgeons requested that RUV’s be endorsed by PHIC as basis for HMO payments.

7. Senior citizens who are still working earning need to also pay premiums.

8. PHIC also requested that hospitals talk directly to PRO of their regions to reconcile their receivables and unpaid claims, if no actions have been taken after reconciliation, hospitals are advised to report this to PhilHealth Central Office.

Yours truly,

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Noted by:

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