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To: PMA NATIONAL OFFICERS, BOARD OF GOVERNORS, PRESIDENTS OF COMPONENT SOCIETIES, SPECIALTY, SUB-SPECIALTY AND AFFILIATE SOCIETIES

Date: JUNE 10, 2020

Subject: EXTENSION OF RENEWAL OF PROFESSIONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD

The Philippine Medical Association recognizes and supports the PRC Resolution No. 1240 Series 2020, ‘Reiterating Ways of Learning that can Earn Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Credit Units Particularly during the State of Public Health Emergency Due to Covid-19 Crisis and Extending the Acceptance of Undertaking for the Renewal of the Professional Identification Card (PIC) until December 31, 2021.’

Please be informed as well of the PRC Advisory posted on 21st of March, 2020:

Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 922 dated 8 March 2020 declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines, the Enhanced Community Quarantine imposed over the entire Luzon, and the declared Local Community Quarantine by some of the Local Government Units in the Visayas and Mindanao regions, the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) informs the public that, the validity of the Professional Identification Card (PICs) of all professionals expiring during the period of community quarantine is extended until the lifting of the community quarantine period.
Further, please be advised that after the lapse of the extension period, all concerned professionals shall file their applications online for PIC renewal within thirty (30) days there from without accruing any surcharges/penalties. Meanwhile, all professionals with confirmed renewal appointments within the Enhanced Community Quarantine period will be accommodated upon resumption of operations or upon the lifting of the quarantine period.

The PMA therefore requests and anticipates all medical institutions and organizations to also adhere to these PRC Resolution and Advisory with regard to the extension of the validity and/or renewal of the expired professional identification cards of our physicians during this pandemic.

For your reference and compliance.

Thank you and may you all stay safe and healthy during this afflicting crisis.

Sincerely yours,

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