MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO: 2020-010-12-018

TO: PMA MEMBERS WHO WERE VICTIMS OF COVID-19 AND TO ALL CONCERNED

Subject: ADVISORY ON BENEFITS FOR QUALIFIED PHYSICIANS AMIDST THE COVID-19 CRISIS

EFFECTIVITY DATE: OCTOBER 1, 2020

This is to inform all concerned that on its regular board meeting last September 19, 2020, the PMA Board of Governors approved the Board Resolution 029 Series of 2020, granting benefits to all PMA members in good standing who were victims of the COVID-19 crisis between October 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021, subject to the new guidelines submitted by the Commission on Mutual Aid:

That only physician members in good standing shall have the privilege to apply for the disability or claim death benefits as stated in the Mutual Aid Code.

That a Disability Benefit package amounting to maximum of Php 25,000.00 and Death Benefit amounting to maximum of Php 50,000 shall be granted to physician member in good standing of the Philippine Medical Association who contracted COVID-19 in his/her performance of duty and is admitted/confined between October 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021. The amount of benefit shall be determined using the schedule below.

That new members and/or reinstated members in good standing shall receive disability/death benefits according to the following schedule:

a. Within the first three years of enrolment/reinstatement: 50%

b. On the 4th year of enrolment/reinstatement: 75%

c. On the 5th year and beyond enrolment/reinstatement: 100%

For those qualified, kindly submit the following:

A. Claims for Disability Benefit must be filed together with the following:

1. Duly accomplished letter of application
2. Medical Abstract of Confinement
3. Copy of Covid-19 positive RT-PCR result
4. Certificate of good standing

B. Claims for Death Benefit must be filed together with the following:
1. Duly Accomplished letter of application
2. Photocopy of Death Certificate
3. Name of beneficiary
4. Certificate of good standing

That the disability benefit can only be availed TWICE in a lifetime at least 5 years apart.

That the disability and death benefits claim that do not satisfy the above criteria shall be subject to the Commission on Mutual Aids Code and shall be deliberated for merit.

That the special benefit shall be reviewed prior to its expiration for enhancement, extension or termination subject to the prevailing health status and availability of funds.

FOR YOUR GUIDANCE AND COMPLIANCE.

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