



SECOND REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 366

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESSING OF THE RELEASE OF ALL THE BENEFITS INTENDED FOR THE HEALTH CARE AND NON-HEALTH CARE WORKERS INVOLVED IN THE COVID-19 RESPONSE IN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (BARMM)

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 922 series of 2020 declared a Public Health Emergency all throughout the country as a consequence of the Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) outbreak;

WHEREAS, the following are the benefits of the health care and non-health care workers:

- a) Special Risk Allowance (SRA);
- b) One COVID-19 Allowance (OCA);
- c) Health Emergency Allowance (HEA);
- d) Service Recognition Incentive (SRI); and
- e) 14th month pay;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4(h) of Republic Act No. 11494, Administrative Order No. 36, S. 2020 was issued by the Office of the President authorizing COVID-19 SRA to private and public health care workers directly catering to or in contact with COVID-19 patients reckoning September 15, 2020 to June 30, 2021;

WHEREAS, the SRA is an allowance given to all eligible public and private health care workers in addition to the hazard pay under Republic Act No. 7305 or the "*Magna Carta of Public Health Workers*", and the active duty pay under Republic Act No. 11494 or the "*Bayanihan to Recover as One Act*";

WHEREAS, pursuant to Republic Act No. 11639 or the "*FY 2022 General Appropriations Act*", the Department of Health and the Department of Budget and Management issued Joint Circular No. 2022-0001 which provides for the payment of OCA to eligible public and private health care workers and non-health care workers, regardless of employment status, who are involved in COVID-19 response in health facilities;

WHEREAS, the amount of benefits under OCA varies according to risk exposure of the health care workers and non-health care workers in particular setting: three thousand pesos (Php 3,000.00) for low risk, six thousand pesos (Php 6,000.00) for medium risk, and nine thousand pesos (Php 9,000.00) for high risk;

WHEREAS, the grant of OCA covers services physically rendered from January 1, 2022;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11712 or the "*Public Health Emergency Benefits and Allowances for Health Care Workers Act*" provides for the grant of HEA to all health care workers and non-health care workers, regardless of employment status, during the COVID-19 pandemic or other public health emergencies or national scale that may be declared in the future, from the time of the declaration of the public health emergency until lifted by the President;

WHEREAS, the HEA replaced OCA as the sole COVID-19 benefits for eligible public and private health care workers engaged in COVID-19 response, covering services rendered from July 1, 2021, until the state of national emergency is lifted;

WHEREAS, the Service Recognition Incentive (SRI) for 2022 as per Administrative Order No. 01, S. 2022, grants the one-time incentive at an amount not exceeding twenty thousand pesos (Php 20,000.00);

WHEREAS, the 14th month pay refers to the extra payout given to those who are entitled employees equivalent to their one (1) month salary and is credited by the end of the year or within a particular cutoff;

WHEREAS, as of date, there are still remaining eligible health care workers and non-health care workers involved in the COVID-19 response in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region who have not received their benefits:

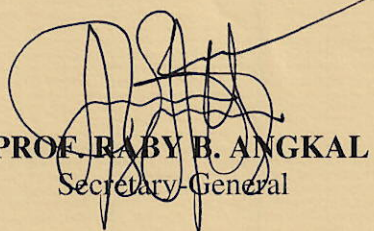
NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, To direct the Ministry of Health to expedite the processing of the release of all the benefits intended for the health care and non-health care workers involved in the COVID-19 response in the BARMM.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, To send a copy of this Resolution to the Ministry of Health for their immediate action.

ADOPTED, *Dhul Hijjah* 29, 1444/July 17, 2023.

Certified Correct:


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