

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 42, June 01, 2021]

AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUED GRANT OF THE COVID-19 SPECIAL RISK ALLOWANCE TO PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HEALTH WORKERS DIRECTLY CATERING TO OR IN CONTACT WITH COVID-19 PATIENTS DURING THE STATE OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, due to the State of Public Health Emergency under Proclamation No. 922 (s.2020) and State of Calamity under Proclamation No. 1021 (s.2020) throughout the country on account of the COVID-19 pandemic, and pursuant to Section 4(h) of Republic Act (RA) No. 11494 or the "*Bayanihan* to Recover As One Act," Administrative Order No. 36 (s.2020) authorized the grant of the COVID-19 Special Risk Allowance (SRA) to public and private health workers directly catering to or in contact with COVID-19 patients during the state of national emergency for the period 15 September 2020 to 19 December 2020;

WHEREAS, Section 10 of RA No. 11494 provides for the appropriations and a standby fund, which shall be used for the response and recovery interventions for the COVID-19 pandemic, and further provides that the standby fund shall be made available once additional funds are generated from savings and unused amounts to fund programs and activities authorized in the said law;

WHEREAS, Section 1 of RA No. 11519 extended the availability for release, obligation and disbursement of appropriations authorized under RA No. 11494, including, among others, the automatic appropriations of new programs, projects and activities pursuant to Section 4 thereof, until 30 June 2021;

WHEREAS, the continuing State of Public Health Emergency warrants the further grant of the COVID-19 SRA to recognize the heroic and invaluable contributions of our health workers throughout the country, who bravely and unselfishly risk their lives and health by being at the forefront of national efforts to respond to the pandemic;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws, do hereby order:

Section 1. Continued grant of the COVID-19 SRA. National government agencies, government-owned or -controlled corporations, and local government units are hereby authorized to further grant the COVID-19 SRA authorized under AO No. 36, subject to the same terms, conditions and exclusions therein, except as otherwise modified by this Order, as follows:

i. Section 2 of AO No. 36 is hereby amended to read, as follows: