

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 269, July 25, 1987]

**AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1519, ENTITLED
"REVISING THE PHILIPPINE MEDICARE ACT OF NINETEEN
HUNDRED AND SIXTY NINE"**

WHEREAS, to make the Philippine Medical Care Plan more responsive to its objectives, in view of the re-orientation and structuring of health policies, programs and organizations, and to have a more effective administration of the Medicare Program, there is a need to amend further the Revised Philippine Medical Care Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order:

Section 1. Section 4 (k) of Presidential Decree No. 1519 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(k) Medical or Dental Practitioner - Any doctor of Medicine or doctor of dental medicine duly licensed to practice in the Philippines and who is accredited by the Commission in accordance with its rules and regulations."

Section 2. Section 5 of Presidential Decree No. 1519 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 5. Philippine Medical Care Commission. To carry out the purposes and objectives of this Act, the Philippine Medical Care Commission created by Republic Act No. 6111, hereinafter referred to as the Commission, shall be composed of the Secretary of Health as Chairman; an Undersecretary of Health designated by the Social Security System; the President and General Manager of Government Service Insurance System; the Secretary of Finance; the Secretary of Local Government; the Secretary of Labor and Employment; and four other members, one each representing the beneficiaries, the private employers, the physicians and the hospitals. The four other members shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines for a term of six (6) years.

The ex-officio members may designate their representatives who shall exercise the plenary powers of their principals as well as enjoy the same benefits available to the latter."

Section 3. Section 6 of Presidential Decree No. 1519, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Section 6. Functions of the Commission. The Commission shall have the following functions and powers:

(a) To formulate policies, administer and implement the

Philippine Medical Care Plan, consistent with the National Health Plan.

- (b) To ensure that medical care is provided to members covered by the Philippine Medical Care Plan.
- (c) To organize its offices, fix the compensation of and appoint its Secretary and such other personnel as may be deemed necessary, subject to pertinent budget and compensation laws, rules and regulations.
- (d) To accredit medical and dental practitioners, government and private hospitals and other facilities for participation in the Medical Care Plan under such terms and conditions as the Commission may set.
- (e) To promulgate or prescribe rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions and purposes of this Act.
- (f) To recommend to the President from time to time according to sound actuarial procedures the contributions and benefits under the Philippine Medical Care Plan as well as alternative systems in order to insure adequate financing and effective delivery of Medical Care to all beneficiaries of the plan.
- (g) To ensure a homogeneous distribution of adequate hospital accommodations for inpatient care through a national network of government and private medical care facilities; and to coordinate with the Department of Health in the implementation of the Hospital Licensure Act.
- (h) To acquire in behalf of the Republic of the Philippines , real or personal property which may be necessary or expedient for the attainment of the purposes of the Commission.
- (i) To enter into agreements or contracts in the manner and under such terms and conditions as the Commissioner may deem proper for the efficient and effective administration of the Commission.
- (j) To adopt control measures to prevent abuses of the Philippine Medical Care Plan.
- (k) To render decision, order or resolutions on any investigation conducted upon its own initiative or upon complaint in writing for any violation of this law or its rules and regulations, and after notice and hearing, impose administrative fines of not less than P5,000 but not more than P30,000 against any person, natural or juridical, found guilty of such violation: Provided, That should the violation be committed by a hospital, drugstore, medical or dental practitioner, the accreditation so extended shall, in addition, be suspended or revoked: Provided, further, That should the violation be committed by a beneficiary, his right to the

benefits under the Medicare Program shall, in addition be suspended for a period not exceeding six months: Provided, furthermore, That any decision, order or resolution rendered by the Commission shall be appealable to the Office of the President in accordance with the procedure established under Administrative Order No. 18, series of 1987: Provided, finally, That the administrative sanctions provided herein shall be without prejudice to the penal provisions under Section 28, hereof.

- (l) To issue as soon as the decision, order or resolution has become final and executory writs or execution enforceable in accordance with the Rules of Court of the Philippines.
- (m) To deputize any law enforcement agency or official in the execution of its final decision, orders or resolutions and to serve such other processes of the Commission.
- (n) To submit to the President of the Philippines annually within the first ten days of each year, a report covering its activities in the administration of this Act during the preceding fiscal years.
- (o) To coordinate with other appropriate government agencies in the development of medical and allied manpower based on the needs of the health care delivery system.
- (p) To approve rules and regulations to ensure uniform evaluation of claims as may be elevated by the beneficiary hospitals or practitioners.
- (q) Generally to exercise all powers necessary to attain the purposes and objective of this Act."

Section 4. The last sentence of Section 7 of Presidential Decree No. 1519 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Each member of the Commission shall receive a monthly commutable allowance subject to the aforementioned laws, rules and regulations, except those who are already receiving the same from the government offices they are appointed to."

Section 5. Section 8 of Presidential Decree No. 1519 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 8. Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Commission.

- (a) The Chairman shall preside over the meetings of the Commission and shall implement its decisions. He shall exercise supervision and control over all operations of the Commission.
- (b) When the Chairman is temporarily unable to perform his functions or in case of vacancy in the Office of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall serve