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APPLICABILITY OF SENIOR CITIZENS' DISCOUNT IN THE PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS FOR INSURANCE POLICIES

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Republic Act No. 9994, otherwise known as the "Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010", and its Implementing Rules and Regulations is the enabling law which granted certain privileges to Senior Citizens or the Elderly.

One of the privileges granted to Senior Citizens under Section 4^[1] of the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010 is the Twenty Percent (20%) discount on the sale of goods and services specifically enumerated in the said law which **does not include payment of premiums for insurance policies.**

It is also noted that the National Inter-Agency Coordinating and Monitoring Board (NCMB), a government agency attached to the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) tasked with the implementation and monitoring of the Expanded Senior Citizens Act, has not issued any guideline ordering the applicability of the Twenty Percent (20%) discount in the payment of premiums for insurance policies made by Senior Citizens.

Thus, unless the payment of premiums for insurance policies is included in the law, the Twenty Percent (20%) Senior Citizen Discount is not applicable in the payment of premium for insurance policies.

For your information and guidance.

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^[1] "SEC. 4. Privileges for the Senior Citizens. -

The senior citizens shall be entitled to the following:

"(a) the grant of twenty percent (20%) discount and exemption from the value - added tax (VAT), if applicable, on the sale of the following goods and services from all establishments, for the exclusive use and enjoyment or availment of the senior