

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 501, January 01, 1992]

INCREASING THE MEDICARE BENEFITS UNDER THE PHILIPPINE MEDICAL CARE PLAN.

WHEREAS, the need arises to upgrade Medicare benefits in order to make the Program responsive to its members;

WHEREAS, the government desires to increase Medicare benefits to preserve the Program's support level;

WHEREAS, actuarial studies show that the Health Insurance Fund administered by the SSS for medicare beneficiaries in the private sectors and by the GSIS for medicare beneficiaries in the government sector can further finance a 20% across-the-board increase in all items of hospitalization compensable under the Medicare Program;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Medical Care Commission has recommended further enhancements of the benefits under the Medicare Program;

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

SECTION 1. The Medicare benefits for both GSIS and SSS Medicare beneficiaries are increased as follows:

Items for Hospitalization	BENEFIT LIMIT (BY HOSPITAL CATEGORY)		
	Primary	Secondary	Tertiary
A. Hospital Charges			
1. Room and Board not exceeding 45 days per year for each member of program 1 and another 45days per year to be shared by all his dependents	₱ 55/Day	₱ 100/Day	₱ 120/Day
2. Medical Expense Benefit (per single period of confinement)			
2.1 Ordinary Cases	720	1,090	1,375
Drugs & Medicines	595	790	845
X-Ray/Lab/Other	125	300	530
2.2 Intensive Cases	1,395	2,040	3,480
	1,125	1,350	2,430