

**[ OWWA MEMORANDUM OF INSTRUCTIONS NO. 001, S. 2001, January 02, 2001 ]**

**AMENDMENTS TO MEMORANDUM OF INSTRUCTIONS NO. 015, S. 1995**

*A. Coverage*

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 195, and its implementing rules and regulations, and to ensure the adequate protection to Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) as mandated under Presidential Decree No. 1694, as amended by Presidential Decree No. 1809, all OFWs recruited for employment abroad shall be compulsorily covered by the Medical Care Program for Overseas Filipino Workers and their dependents.

All departing OFWs under the following classification shall be covered by this issuance:

1. Workers recruited and placed by licensed land-based and manning agencies
2. Workers deployed by the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA)-Government Placement Branch
3. Direct Hires/Name Hires
4. Balik-Manggagawa (vacationing OFWs) whose program coverage is due for renewal

*B. Exemption*

1. The compulsory coverage, however, shall not apply to OFWs who are active members of PHIC. OFWs seeking exemption from the Medical Care Program for OFWs should show proof of payment to PHIC of the annual contribution of Nine Hundred Pesos (P900.00).

2. Other documentary requirements:

A. OFWs who are processing their travel documents themselves shall present the following documents:

- PHIC Bank receipt showing annual contribution

B. OFWs processing their travel documents through the recruitment agency shall submit the following documents:

- Endorsement Letter signed by the authorized officer of the agency (i.e. General Manager or President)