

**[OWWA MEMORANDUM OF INSTRUCTIONS NO.
018, S. 1995, November 20, 1995]**

**PRESCRIBING THE DETAILED GUIDELINES FOR MEDICARE
COLLECTION ON SITE**

In the interest of the service and in view of the implementation of the Medicare Program for OCWs on site, hereunder are the policies governing collection of premium payment.

I.

Coverage

All Filipino overseas contract workers shall be covered by the Medical Care Program for OCWs (MCPO). Before an FOCW can be eligible to the MCPO, he must first be a member of the OWWA fund.

Exempted from the mandatory coverage are OCWs who are active voluntary members of either SSS or GSIS and those workers who have at least 2 months of unexpired coverage in the Medicare Program for OCWs.

The documentary requirements for workers seeking exemption are the following:

1. Official Receipts of SSS/GSIS premium payment for the current quarter or;
2. Certificate of active SSS/GSIS voluntary membership status.

II.

Documentary Requirements

For documented workers, the filled-up Medicare Information Sheet (MIS), and payment of Medicare Premium shall be additional requirements when applying for contract processing and issuance of Overseas Employment Certificate (OEC). For undocumented workers, the proof of Welfare Fund Contribution shall be an additional requirement on top of the above-stated.

III.

Medicare Premium Payment

The designated cashier shall issue an Official Receipt (OR) to the applicant upon payment of annual premium of P900.00 or its equivalent in US\$ and submission of the requirements in Section II above.