



Republic of the Philippines
VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY
Visca, Baybay, Leyte

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 87, s. 2022

A RESOLUTION COURSED THROUGH REFERENDUM APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) - EASTERN VISAYAS CENTER FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT AND VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY (VSU) IN RELATION TO THE RELEASE OF THE GRANT OF COVID 19 BENEFITS FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HEALTH CARE WORKERS REGARDLESS OF EMPLOYMENT STATUS WHO ARE INVOLVED IN COVID 19 RESPONSE IN ALL HEALTH FACILITIES INCLUDING MILITARY HOSPITALS, GOVERNMENT OWNED AND CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS, STATE UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS, AND PRIVATE LICENSED FACILITIES

WHEREAS, the Leyte State University was created by virtue of Republic Act 9158 which converted the then Visayas State College of Agriculture (ViSCA) into a state university last 11 August 2001 which was later renamed Visayas State University (VSU) by virtue of R.A. 9437;

WHEREAS, Section 7 of R.A. 9158 specifically empowers the Board of Regents of the University to *“exercise all the powers granted to the Directors of a corporation under Section 36 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 68 otherwise known as the Corporate Code of the Philippines”*;

WHEREAS, Paragraph (b), Section 7 of R.A. 9158 provides: *“To receive and appropriate all sums as may be provided, for the support of the University in the manner it may determine, in its discretion, to carry out the purposes and functions of the University”*;

WHEREAS, VSU is a CHED Center for Excellence (COE) in Agriculture and a National University in Region VIII, it is mandated to provide leadership in developing highly competitive human resource, relevant scientific knowledge, and innovative technologies to support the sustainable development of the Visayas Region in particular and the whole of the Philippines in general;

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 11639, or the General Appropriations Act (GAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 provides the basis of funds release on the grant of COVID 19 benefits for public and private health care workers (HCW) and non-health care workers (non-HCW), regardless of employment status, who are involved in COVID 19 response in all health facilities including military hospitals, Government Owned and Controlled Corporations (GOCCs), State University Hospitals and private licensed health facilities;

WHEREAS, the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and Department of Health (DOH) Joint Circular (JC) no. 2022 – 0001 dated 10 February 2022 provided the guidelines for the grant of ONE COVID 19 ALLOWANCE (OCA) for public and private health care workers and non-health care workers, particularly requiring parties to enter into Memorandum of Agreement;

WHEREAS, the grant of the OCA to qualified public and private HCWs and non HCWs in health facilities involved in COVID 19 response shall be subject to the guidelines of DBM – DOH Joint Circular (JC) no. 2022-0001 dated 10 February 2022;

WHEREAS, the private HCWs and non-HCWs assigned in health facilities that are involved in COVID 19 response should be in line with the National Action Plan COVID 19 strategy of PDITR+ strategy and physically report for work at their assigned work stations in health facilities on the prescribed official working hours, as certified by the head of agency/office;

WHEREAS, the grant of the OCA shall be based on risk classification to high, moderate, or low risk of the eligible public and private HCWs and non-HCW as guided by DOH Administrative Order no. 2022-0001 where nine thousand pesos (P9,000.00) is allotted to high-risk classification, six thousand pesos (P6,000.00) is allotted to moderate risk classification, and three thousand pesos (P3,000.00) to those classified as low-risks;

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 11712 known as the Public Health Emergency Benefits and Allowances for Health Care Workers Act and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) provides for the payment of Health Emergency Allowance (HEA), Sickness and Death Compensation and other Benefits for public and private health care workers (HCWs) and non-HCWs during the COVID-19 pandemic and other future public health emergencies with retroactive application starting July 1, 2021;

WHEREAS, Section 5 of the same Act stipulates that the amount of HEA shall vary based on the risk exposure categorization of the HCWs and non-HCWs in particular setting: three thousand pesos (P3,000.00) for low risk, six thousand pesos (P6,000.00) for medium risk, and nine thousand pesos (P9,000.00) for high risk;

WHEREAS, the DOH Administrative Order (AO) No. 2022-0001 dated January 14, 2022, or the Guidelines for COVID-19 Risk Exposure Classification of Health Care Workers, as amended, was issued to set the parameters for determining the risk exposure of personnel in COVID-19 response-involved health facilities;

WHEREAS, a number of VSU health workers served as COVID 19 emergency responders especially those working at the VSU Hospitals as well the non-health workers who function as support staff to COVID 19 emergency response;

WHEREAS, the Governing Board authorizes President Edgardo E. Tulin to sign a memorandum of agreement between **the Department of Health – Eastern Visayas Center for Health Development and Visayas State University in Relation to the Release on the Grant of COVID 19 Benefits for VSU health and non-health personnel who are involved in COVID 19 emergency response**;

WHEREAS, after scrutinizing the attached documents, the BOR Finance Committee endorsed the proposal to the Full Board for approval during the committee's 22 November 2022 meeting via zoom;

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to approve the proposal to **Authorize President Edgardo E. Tulin to Sign the Memorandum of Agreement Between the Department of Health – Eastern Visayas Center for Health Development and Visayas State University in Relation to the Release on the Grant of COVID 19 Benefits for Public and Private Health Care Workers and Non Health Care Workers Regardless of Employment Status Who Are Involved in COVID 19 Response in All Health Facilities Including Military Hospitals, Government Owned and Controlled Corporations (GOCCs), State University Hospitals, and Private Licensed Health Facilities.**

IN WITNESS of our approval thereof, we hereby affix our signatures this 13th day of December 2022.

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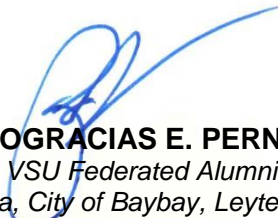
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