



Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION



CHED MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 05
Series of 2022

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE IV. H. OF CHED-DOH JOINT MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR (JMC) NO. 2021-004 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE GUIDELINES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF LIMITED FACE-TO-FACE CLASSES FOR ALL PROGRAMS OF HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (HEIS) IN AREAS UNDER ALERT LEVELS SYSTEM FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE III.B., ITEM 12 OF CHED MEMORANDUM ORDER (CMO) NO. 01, SERIES OF 2022

Pursuant to Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) Resolution No. 168-B, series of 2022, in which approved the recommendations of the Commission to repeal the provision to ensure medical insurance for students participating in face-to-face classes, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) hereby issues the following amendments to CHED – Department of Health (DOH) Joint Memorandum Circular (JMC) No. 2021-004 or the *Guidelines on the Implementation of Limited Face-to-face Classes for All Programs of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in Areas Under Alert Levels System for COVID-19 Response* and CHED Memorandum Order (CMO) No. 01, series of 2022, otherwise known as the *Supplemental Guidelines to CHED-DOH Joint Memorandum Circular (JMC) No. 2021-004, on the Additional Guidelines for the Operations of Limited Face-to-Face Classes of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) In Areas under Alert Level 1.*

CHED-DOH JMC No. 2021-004 is hereby amended to repeal the following provision of **Article IV.H.:**

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“IV. GENERAL GUIDELINES

H. Medical Insurance

HEIs shall ensure that students who will participate in limited face-to-face classes under this JMC and subsequent guidelines to be issued by CHED are registered with PhilHealth, either as a direct or indirect contributor (dependents of the direct contributor), or with equivalent medical insurance that covers medical expenses related to COVID-19. In case of a violation of this provision and it is shown that a student gets infected by COVID-19 brought about by his/her participation in the limited face-to-face classes, the HEI shall facilitate the necessary medical treatment/procedures for the affected student/s.”

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Relative thereto, Item 12 of Article III.B. in CHED CMO No. 01, s. 2022 is amended to remain consistent with the amended provision of CHED-DOH JMC No. 2021-004.

Provisions of **Article III.B., Item 12** of CHED CMO No. 01, s. 2022 is therefore likewise repealed, which reads as follows:

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“12. Medical Insurance Coverage for Students

Relative to Section IV, Item H of CHED-DOH JMC No. 2021-004, HEIs shall ensure that students who will participate in the conduct of limited face-to-face classes are registered with PhilHealth, or with equivalent medical insurance which covers medical expenses related to COVID-19, as either direct or indirect contributor. Students who are twenty-one (21) years old or above but suffering from congenital disabilities, either physical or mental, or any disability acquired that renders them totally dependent on the member for support, as determined by the Corporation, may enjoy Philhealth coverage without additional premiums.

However, qualified dependents must be declared by the principal member and their names must be listed under the principal member’s Member Data Record (MDR) to ensure hassle-free benefits availment.”

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All other provisions of CHED-DOH JMC No. 2021-004 and CHED CMO No. 01, s. 2022 are not affected by these amendments and shall remain valid and enforceable.

Issued on May 30, 2022, Quezon City, Philippines.



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