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## **PUBLIC ADVISORY RELATIVE TO CRYPTOCURRENCIES**

The Insurance Commission recognizes the value of technological advancement specifically on the benefits it provides with respect to the ease of doing business. Most notable among the current trends in this particular field is the use of cryptocurrencies.

This Commission recognizes the corresponding risks involved in the use of cryptocurrencies as this can be used in perpetrating illegal activities such as scams, money laundering and terrorism financing among many others. Further, cryptocurrencies are neither issued nor guaranteed by any government. Consequently, its value is purely dependent on market demand and supply, which makes it highly speculative and not suitable for investment.

In view of the foregoing, this Commission cautions the general public and all Commission-regulated entities (i.e. insurance companies, pre-need companies, health maintenance organizations, mutual benefit associations, broking companies, agencies) to act prudently whenever dealing in the acquisition, possession, and/or trading of cryptocurrencies. Interested persons with dealings on cryptocurrencies are highly encouraged to educate themselves on the matter and be updated on the various rules and regulations duly issued by government regulatory agencies involving cryptocurrencies, such as but not limited to the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) and the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

At any rate, the Insurance Commission judiciously considers the disruptive innovation brought by cryptocurrencies and will issue appropriate regulations, as far as the insurance, pre-need and HMO industries are concerned, if and when warranted.

In the meantime, **the Insurance Commission does not, directly or indirectly, recognize cryptocurrencies as a viable investment or a medium of exchange involving any and all insurance, pre-need or HMO- related transactions.**

  
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