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OFW INSURANCE BENEFIT PAID TO THE FAMILY OF JOANNA DEMA FELIS

According to Insurance Commissioner Dennis B. Funa, the family of Joanna Daniela Demafelis received the death benefit under the Compulsory OFW Insurance Program last 03 March 2018.

Upon verification, the overseas Filipino worker discovered inside a freezer in an abandoned apartment in Kuwait last February, was recruited and deployed by the recruitment agency Our Lady of Mount Carmel Global E-Human Resources, Incorporated.

Being an agency-hired OFW, she is required by law to be covered by an OFW Insurance.

According to Insurance Commissioner Dennis B. Funa, Paramount Life and General Insurance Corporation confirmed that Ms. Demafelis was issued with an OFW insurance policy on 12 May 2014 with a twenty-four (24) months coverage.

Despite the fact that the date of death of Ms. Demafelis is still undetermined, Paramount Life and General Insurance Corporation paid the claim for the death benefit in favor of the declared beneficiaries of Ms. Demafelis.

Earlier, the Philippine government has extended P600,000.00 in financial aid to the family of Ms. Dimafelis.

Based on reports, the government has given P300,000.00 as death benefit, P200,000.00 as livelihood assistance, and an additional P100,000.00 as educational assistance to the family of Ms. Dimafelis.

Under the current OFW Insurance Program, all overseas Filipino workers deployed by a recruitment agency are required to be covered by a compulsory insurance policy which shall be secured at no cost to the OFW.

Every migrant worker shall be covered for: a) accidental death with a minimum survivor's benefit of \$15,000; b) natural death with a minimum survivor's benefit of \$10,000; c) permanent total disablement (with a minimum of \$7,500 disability benefit); d) repatriation cost of the worker when the employment is terminated without any valid cause; e) subsistence allowance benefit with a minimum of \$100 per month for a maximum of six months for a migrant worker who is involved in a case or litigation for