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LIFE, NON-LIFE INSURERS AND HMOS REPORT ON VACCINATION STATUS OF ITS GROUP A4 EMPLOYEES/WORKERS

The Philippine Life Insurance Association, Inc. ("PLIA") recently reported to the Insurance Commission ("IC") that 7,215 out of 10,009 employees of its member life insurance companies falling under priority Group A4, or 72%, have already either been fully or partially vaccinated with COVID-19 vaccines. Out of said companies' 69,904 insurance agents under priority Group A4, 13,877 have either been fully or partially vaccinated, which translates to 20%. In the meantime, 51% of those working in bancassurance under the same priority group were likewise either fully or partially vaccinated, or 2,686 out of 5,244. Overall, this translates to a vaccination rate of 28% of the three (3) groups, or 23,778 out of 85,157 employees, insurance agents, and bancassurance workers.

Meanwhile, the Philippine Insurers and Reinsurers Association, Inc. ("PIRA") reported that 5,733 employees/workers of its member non-life insurance companies falling under priority Group A4 have already been vaccinated, while 4,945 more under the same priority group are still scheduled for vaccination. PIRA also reported that 1,523 of the agents of its member non-life insurance companies have been vaccinated, while 1,811 more are still scheduled for vaccination.

The Association of Health Maintenance Organizations of the Philippines, Inc. ("AHMOPI") also submitted a similar report, which indicates that out of the 5,767 employees or workers of its member health maintenance organizations ("HMOs") falling under priority Group A4, 84% or 4,851 HMO employees or workers have either been fully or partially vaccinated.

The reports were submitted by AHMOPI, PIRA, and PLIA in accordance with Circular Letter No. 2021-41 dated 28 June 2021, which required regulated entities "through their respective organizations, [to] submit updates on the number of registered and vaccinated eligible personnel / workers under priority Group A4".

Said Circular Letter was issued to disseminate Resolution No. 117, Series of 2021 of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases dated 27 May 2021, providing for the eligibility for vaccination of "private sector workers required to be physically present at their designated workplace outside of their residences" and those "self-employed who may be required to work outside their residences" under priority Group A4.

"The employees and workers of this Commission's regulated entities constitute the very foundation of the realization of our vision of strong, sustainable regulated entities that will be pillars of the Philippine economy. If we are to realize that vision, we believe that their health and safety should be prioritized. Thus, the IC encourage our regulated entities to push for the COVID-19 vaccinations of their employees and workers," said Insurance Commissioner Dennis Funa.

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