



Republic of the Philippines
Supreme Court
Office of the Court Administrator
Manila

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 357-2023

TO : ALL JUDGES OF THE FIRST AND SECOND LEVEL COURTS

SUBJECT : LATEST DEVELOPMENTS ON THE HEALTH CARE BENEFITS OF JUDGES OF THE FIRST AND SECOND LEVEL COURTS

In its Resolution dated 03 October 2023 in A.M. No. 18-07-09-SC (Re: Latest Developments Relative to the Judiciary-Wide Committee on Health Care Benefits of Justices, Judges, and Certain High-Level Officials of the Judiciary), the Court *En Banc*, among others, approved the extension of the comprehensive health care plan for all judges of the first and second level courts, including the *Shari'a* courts, with Kaiser International Health Group, Inc. (Kaiser) on a month-to-month basis until the procurement of a unified health maintenance organization (HMO) for the entire Judiciary.

In connection therewith, the HMO cards in electronic form for the judges of the first and second level courts will be issued on a month-to-month basis through their personal Philippine Judiciary 365 email addresses. As such, the said email addresses on file with the Management Information Systems Office, Supreme Court, will be shared with Kaiser. Furthermore, the amount of the monthly contributions of the judges for this purpose will be the same.

With respect to the dependents of the judges, they should separately communicate their coverage or inclusion, by way of special accommodation, with Kaiser through its representative, Ms. Richelle Malalad, or its Underwriting Department, with the following contact details:

Ms. Richelle Malalad	0917 650 2815
Kaiser Underwriting Department	0917 633 2855 underwriting_shortterm@kaiserhealthgroup.com

To be clear, these transactions are entered into exclusively by the dependents and are separate from the transactions of the principals (judges). However, the benefits provided to the principals based on the terms and conditions in the original contract with Kaiser are the same benefits that will be provided to the dependents.

More importantly, and at this time, please be advised that all incumbent judges of the first and second level courts are covered by the said HMO agreement with Kaiser.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.~

23 October 2023



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