



# Legal Watch

## DOH ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2026-0031-A



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### SUMMARY

The DOH clarified key provisions in Administrative Order (AO) No. 2026-0031<sup>1</sup> to ensure effective implementation and address gaps and challenges.

Among the changes in the said AO includes the requirement that both government and private partner health facilities shall ensure **monthly** reporting of fund utilization and program implementation, and other monitoring and evaluation reports, removing the requirement that this shall be done every 15th day of the following month.

Other amendments include:

- a. broadening the AO's scope and coverage by including Government-Owned and Controlled Corporations in the applicability of the program;
- b. redefining the definition of an evaluating officer
- c. removing the requirement of "a copy of the certification on the number of session availed from PhilHealth" to those interested in availing the program
- d. adding more approving authorities for the program
- e. expanding the role and responsibilities of the DOH.

### ACTIONABLE ADVICE:

All stakeholders shall keep abreast on the amendments of AO No. 2026-0031. Notably, both government and private partner health facilities shall strictly comply with the monthly monitoring and evaluating reports.

1 - Entitled as "Implementing Guidelines for the Medical Assistance to Indigent and Financially Incapacitated Patients (MAIFIP) Program Pursuant to Republic Act No. 12314 (General Appropriations Act FY 2026)" dated 25 February 2026.

#### \* Agency Name

Department of Health (DOH)

#### \* Issuance Title

Amendment to the Administrative Order No. 2026-0031 or the Implementing Guidelines for the Medical Assistance to Indigent and Financially Incapacitated Patients (MAIFIP) Program Pursuant to Republic Act No. 12314 (General Appropriations Act FY 2026)

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