

**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**No. 17  
Series of 2022**SUBJECT: Amendment to Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 16 Series of 2021 for the Release of Social Pension from Quarterly to Semestral and Supplemental Provision to MC No. 4 Series of 2019 to Include Transfer of Funds to Local Government Units (LGUs)****I. Rationale**

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) as the lead agency in social welfare and development, implements the Social Pension for Indigent Senior Citizens (SPISC) since 2011 through the DSWD Field Offices (FOs) in all regions.

In CY 2021, the schedule of pay-out was changed from Semestral to Quarterly per MC No. 16 which was signed on 28 October 2021 based on the approved House Resolution No. 656 entitled "Resolution Urging the Department of DSWD to Release the Monthly Social Pension of senior citizens every Three Months instead of the current Schedule of Every Six Months", introduced by Rep. Rufus B. Rodriguez.

On the delivery scheme for Social Pension, per Memorandum Circular No. 4 Series of 2019, there are three (3) delivery schemes for FOs to be implemented and it further required the identification of another scheme provided the same is allowable under existing rules and regulations. As stipulated in the GAA, the DSWD shall ensure that the stipend shall be given directly to senior citizen beneficiaries. In delivering the stipend to the social pensioners, the DSWD must guarantee that the most cost-effective and efficient modality for the distribution of the stipend will be employed, subject to the assessment of the FOs and approval of the Regional Director. Further, it was stated in the said Circular, the choice of the applicable delivery scheme may vary periodically or may be combined considering the prevailing status, physical condition and geographical location of the senior citizen beneficiaries. However, considering the limitation on funds on administrative cost, workforce and disbursing officers, the FOs deemed it necessary and practicable to utilize fund transfer to LGUs to fast track the distribution of social pension and ensure convenience to the beneficiaries since the funds will be received at their respective LGUs. Moreover, considering the recommendation of the Field Offices being the direct program implementers, this Memorandum Circular is hereby issued to effect the amendment and supplemental provisions as stated below.

## **II. Amended Provision**

### ***Existing Provision under Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 16 Series of 2021, Item II No. 2:***

“The release of the monthly social pension at Five Hundred Pesos (Php500.00) per beneficiary will be done every three (3) months or One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php1,500.00) per quarter (January-March; April-June; July September; October-December),” is hereby amended to read as follows:

### ***Proposed Provision:***

*“The release of the monthly social pension at Five Hundred Pesos (Php500.00) per beneficiary will be done every semester / six (6) months or Three Thousand Pesos (Php3,000.00) from January – June and July - December.”*

## **III. Supplemental Provision**

### ***Existing Provision under Memorandum Circular No. 4 Series of 2019 Item IX***

“xxx Any of the three (3) delivery schemes, discussed below, may be utilized or in case all shall not be feasible, the FO must identify another modality/ scheme which may be effective provided the same is allowable under existing rules and regulations. xxx”

- a. Cash Advance by a Designated Special Disbursing Officer (SDO)
- b. Door-to-Door Delivery Scheme
- c. Cash Card through Authorized Government Depository Bank (AGDB)

### ***Proposed Provision:***

The above is hereby amended to read as follows:

“xxx Any of the four (4) delivery schemes, discussed below, may be utilized or in case all shall not be feasible, the FO must identify another modality/ scheme which may be effective provided the same is allowable under existing rules and regulations xxx” shall include the following:

- a. Cash Advance by a Designated Special Disbursing Officer (SDO)
- b. Door-to-Door Delivery Scheme
- c. Cash Card through Authorized Government Depository Bank (AGDB)
- d. Fund Transfer to Local Government Units (LGU)
- e. Money remittance

**Effectivity Clause**

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately upon approval. All other provisions of MC 04-2019 and MC 16-2021 not affected by this amendment shall remain in full force and in effect.

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