



Pantawid Pamilyang
Pilipino Program



Memorandum Circular No. 16
Series of 2024

**Subject: AMENDMENT TO MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 6 SERIES OF 2021:
ENHANCED SUPPORT SERVICES INTERVENTION (ESSI) GUIDELINES
FOR PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4Ps) BENEFICIARIES**

RATIONALE

This amendment aims to support the existing provision to Memorandum Circular No. 6 Series of 2021, the Enhanced Support Services Intervention (ESSI) Guidelines for Pantawid Pamilyang Program (4Ps) Beneficiaries to maximize the coverage and its implementation. The following provisions shall be added under Legal Bases, Coverage, General Provisions, and Fund Releases.

It is also taken into account that the Republic Act No. 11291 or Magna Carta of the Poor seeks the establishment of a system of progressive realization to ensure the poor's full enjoyment of their rights to adequate food, decent work, relevant and quality education, adequate housing, and highest attainable standard of health. The Act also stipulates that the government shall implement a sustainable mechanism to build an effective social protection system to ensure the access of the poor to protection from any risk or contingency.

AMENDMENT

II. Legal Bases

Add as item No. 8 to read as:

8. 2024 General Appropriations Act (GAA): Special Provision(s) stipulating that the Department of Social Welfare and Development is provided with budget allocation for the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) stating that beneficiaries compliant with program conditions shall continue to receive educational and health grants, including the Enhanced Support Services Intervention (ESSI) grants, as well as other social protection programs.

IV. Coverage

Add a 2nd paragraph in the description of ESSI coverage to read as:

The interventions shall be provided to the 4Ps qualified beneficiaries based on the assessment of the Case Manager and the readiness of the beneficiaries to ensure the improvement of their well-being towards the eventual exit from the Program.

To amend the Area Coverage to read as:

Area Coverage

FROM	TO
1. IPs living in geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas (GIDAs)	1. Geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas (GIDAs)
2. Pantawid areas with high number of IPs/ICCs	2. Highly urbanized cities/areas
3. Highly urbanized cities/areas with high incidence of homeless families	3. Pantawid areas with the following target beneficiaries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Homeless Families b. Indigenous Peoples which shall include traditional IPs and culturally assimilated c. Other Vulnerable Groups

VIII. General Provisions

To add the National Anti-Poverty Commission as one of the agencies in external convergence under Item no. 5 to read as:

Other agencies including the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP), Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD), **National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC)**, Local Government Units (LGUs) and other stakeholders such as Civil Society Organization/Non-Government Organizations who plays a vital role in providing services and support for the IPs, Homeless Families and other vulnerable beneficiaries shall be ensured.

XI. Fund Releases

To add the 3rd paragraph under Fund Releases to read as:

The ESSI grants during the actual payout shall be released to the beneficiaries based on the following qualification:


- The client status (CS) of the beneficiary is ACTIVE or CS 1 during the social preparation phase, and;
- The ESSI project proposal is approved by the Regional Director.

EFFECTIVITY

This amendment to Memorandum Circular No. 6 Series of 2021 shall take effect immediately after publication on the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation. Let a copy of this MC be filed with the University of the Philippines Law Center.

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