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## **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**

The public is hereby informed that effective immediately, all overseas referral care under NHI will be limited to cases assessed as **life threatening by licensed physician and approved by the Medical Referral Committee**. All other referral cases considered “not-urgent” by clinical physician and the HCF UR shall remain on hold until further notice.

### **Referral Cases – Taiwan (SKH)**

An urgent surveillance protocol for all overseas patients have been issued in one of Palau’s overseas referral hospital, Shin Kong Wu Ho-Su Memorial Hospital (SKH) in Taipei City, Taiwan, effective March 4, 2020.

1. Patient and family escort to Shin Kong Wu Ho-Su Memorial Hospital (SKH) will be quarantine in isolation rooms up to 48 hours depending on identified symptoms of the COVID-19. Both patient and escort will be tested through mouth swab and sputum; only when tested negative of the COVID-19 is when the patient and escort are then transferred to designated ward allowed.
2. Patient and family escort to Shin Kong Wu Ho-Su Memorial Hospital (SKH) without symptoms such as fever, cough and shortness of breath may transfer to designated ward to start treatment after 24 hours quarantined and tested negative of the COVID-19.
3. Patient and family escort to Shin Kong Wu Ho Su Memorial Hospital with symptoms such as fever cough and shortness of breath are required two (2) day quarantine in an isolation room and take COVID-19 test every 24 hours. After testing negative, both patient and escort can be released to designated ward to start treatment.
4. Patients with critical conditions and need immediate off-island medical care will be quarantined in an ICU ward up to 48 hours depending on symptoms.

### **Referral Cases – Philippines**

1. On March 12, 2020, the country of Philippines declared Code Red Sublevel 2 due to COVID-19 and implemented new protocol restricting entry to Manila effective March 15, 2020 to April 14, 2020.
2. St. Luke’s Medical Center – Quezon City and Global City have requested to the Healthcare Fund to postpone all referral cases from Palau until further notice due to lockdown in Manila.

At this time, we urge the public to take precaution and be responsible with one’s own health. Cases that requires emergency medical evacuation (stretcher cases) will be very challenging due to airline restrictions. Thank you and if you have any questions regarding this announcement, please call our office at 488-1904 or 488-2457.

## **SUBED EL MORA BUAI**

Tia subed el mora buai el loltobed er ngii a obis ra Healthcare Fund el kmo, ngomuchel ra di mereched el taem, ea ukeruul el mora ikrel belau a bololengeask el di mo ikel lorechudel rakt/secher el lak el bora ikrel Belau eng metacherbesul. Chelechal taem ea ukeruul el mora ikrel Belau a di mo raikel "lorechudel" ultuil ra tekingel a totkang, Medical Referral Committee (MRC) ma Utilization Reviewer ra Healthcare Fund.

### **Referral Cases el more Taiwan**

A Shin Kong Wu Ho Su Memorial Hospital (SKH) a mla otebedii a mesisiich el tekoi ra rolet a ukuruul el mora osbitar er tir el lulemuchel ra euang el kebesengil a ongedei el buil er chelechal rrak ra 2020

1. A smecher ma obal merael el mora ukeruul ra SKH a mo elsimer ra ileak el delmerab el sal kemangel eng erul klebesei. Te mo melai a kensa el di mo ior ra henzi raikal kenza el bololai a smecher el mo ouchais el kmo ngarngii a rakt el COVID-19 ra bedengir malechub eng diak.
2. A smecher ma obal merael mora SKH el diak el loklukl, ongirt, kedeb a telil ma lechub eng diak a kleldelel, a sebechel ngar tial lileakl el delmerab el di lluich ma eual sikang, e tuobed el mo nuing e omuchel ra ukurulel el lultuil ra rektel ma babilengel.
3. A smecher ma obal merael mora ukeruul ra SKH el loklukl, ongirt, kedeb a telil, malechub e ngar ngii a kleldelel a mo elsimer el erul klebesesei e mo melai a kenza er a bek el lluich ma eual sikang el dimerekmo el tobbed a henzi el kmo diak a secher er tial COVID-19.
4. A chad el kmal meringel a secherel/rektel a mo elsimer ra ICU el kesai eng erul klebesei.

### **Referral Cases el mora Huriping**

1. Sera teruich ma erung el kebsengil a ongedei el buil ra rrak ra 2020, ea beluu ra Huriping a mla tebedii a sbedir ra CODE Red Sublevel 2 el mor tial secher el COVID-19. Te mla otebedii a tekoi el mo meringel a sisebellel ma tebedel omerael el mora Manila el lulemuchel sera teruich ma eim el kebsengil a ongedeil buil el mo teruich ma euang el kebsengil ongeual buil ra rrak ra 2020.
2. A ikel teblol osbitar ra Huripin el St. Lukes Medical Center el ngar Quezon City ma Global City a mla melekoi el mera Healthcare Fund el merrob a omerael rar smecher el mora ikal teblol osbitar di merkmo luut el mei tekingir.

Chelechal taem e dolengit mar chad el bol kerkikl me lak le metemall ma lechub te accident leng kmal mla mo meringel a llechul a skoki ma ikel osbitar el doldurokl rar smecher el mor ngii.

Ma leuaisei e kom kmal mesulang ea lengarngii a kerim e momekedong ra 488-1904/488-2457 ra mui lomesodel.