

Republic of the Philippines Department of Finance **INSURANCE COMMISSION** 1071 United Nations Avenue Manila



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CIRCULAR LETTER

TO : ALL HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS (HMOs) DOING BUSINESS IN THE PHILIPPINES

SUBJECT : AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3 OF CL NO. 2017-09 OR THE GUIDELINES FIXING THE DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS FOR ACQUIRING OWNERSHIP OF A DOMESTIC INSURANCE BROKER AND REINSURANCE BROKER

WHEREAS, the Insurance Commission issued Circular Letter No. 2017-09 dated 14 February 2017 or the "Guidelines Fixing the Documentary Requirements for Acquiring Ownership of A Domestic Insurance Broker and Reinsurance Broker';

WHEREAS, the Commission recognizes the need to clarify the definition of the term "acquisition" as used in Section 3 of CL No. 2017-09 on the documentary requirements for applications for approval of acquisition of a domestic insurance and reinsurance broker;

NOW THEREFORE, in view of the foregoing and pursuant to the powers vested in the Insurance Commissioner by Section 437 of the Insurance Code, as amended by Republic Act No. 10607, this amendatory Circular Letter is hereby promulgated.

Section 1. Section 3 of CL No. 2017-09 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 3. DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS

Accordingly, no person shall acquire ownership of any domestic insurance broker and reinsurance broker without the prior written approval of the Insurance Commissioner: <u>Provided</u>, That prior <u>approval of the Insurance Commissioner shall only be</u> <u>required in the event of change of ownership in the brokerage</u>

itself, i.e. acquisition of shares, and shall not be required in case of a change in ownership of a company indirectly owning the subject domestic insurance and/or reinsurance broker.

Application for the approval of acquisition of a domestic insurance broker and reinsurance broker shall include the following: $x \times x^{"}$

Section 2. This Circular Letter shall take effect immediately. Except as amended and supplemented hereby, all other provisions of Circular Letter No. 2017-09 shall remain effective. The unamended provisions of the said Circular Letter and the amendments introduced herein shall be read and construed as a single issuance.

DENNIS B. FUNA Insurance Commissioner