

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

No. 02
Series of 2016

**SUBJECT : Amendment to Memorandum Circular No. 17 series of 2015
re: Release of Stipend to the Replacement-Beneficiary**

RATIONALE

Based on Memorandum Circular No. 17 series of 2015 dated 12 August 2015, the release of stipend to senior citizen-beneficiaries shall be done on the first month of every quarter i.e., January, April, July and October. On the other hand, the funds for the current year should be fully utilized until end of December of every year.

For Social Pension program, the unclaimed stipend of the deceased beneficiary shall be given to the replacement-beneficiaries based on the approved list of unserved indigent senior citizens.

As indicated in the said guidelines (MC 17 s. 2015), the stipend for the replacement beneficiary will be given on the succeeding quarter. In this case, the replacement-beneficiary for the 4th quarter will receive the stipend on the 1st quarter of the following year. Hence, the funds for the current year will not be fully utilized within the year. Upon discussion with the FO Social Pension focal persons, it is recommended that the release of stipend to the replacement-beneficiary shall be done within the quarter to accommodate the waitlisted indigent senior citizens and further avoid unutilized grants.

In view of the above consideration, the specific provision stated above in MC 17 series 2015 is hereby amended as follows:

MC No. 17,s. 2015, Page 2, Paragraph 4 states that;

The release of stipend for the replacement beneficiary shall take effect on the succeeding quarter which includes the unclaimed stipend for the previous quarter of the deceased beneficiary and the initial stipend for the current quarter of the replacement beneficiary.

Amendment

The release of stipend for the replacement beneficiary shall take effect within the quarter. Provided, that the liquidation reports for the given quarter shall be submitted on time and the supporting documents of the former beneficiary and the replacement beneficiary are complied. The replacement-beneficiary should be included in the updated list of unserved indigent senior citizens approved and signed by the DSWD Regional Director.

This amendment shall take effect immediately.

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Secretary