

Department of Social Welfare and Development
PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM
NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (NAC)

NAC Resolution No. 32
Series of 2016

Increase in the Amount of Cash Grants

WHEREAS, the *Pantawid Pamilya* National Advisory Committee (NAC) is the highest policy-making inter-agency body that provides policy directions and guidance on matters pertinent to program implementation;

WHEREAS, a conditional cash transfer program like *Pantawid Pamilya* is considered a financial incentive to encourage its beneficiaries to access basic health and education services;

WHEREAS, the amount of cash grants is set to a level that the beneficiaries would find attractive enough for them to agree to comply with the program conditionalities;

WHEREAS, the total maximum amount of cash grant that a beneficiary household could receive in a year which was estimated at 23% of their annual household income at 2006 level decreased to 16% in 2009, and further to 7% in 2013;

WHEREAS, the existing cash grant has not factored in the annual inflation rate of 4% since the program started in 2007, and this resulted to a cumulative reduction of 42% in real value of the cash grants by 2015;

WHEREAS, it was estimated that under certain conditions the cash transfers could have an effect in increasing school participation rate, reducing child labor, and to a small extent reduce poverty incidence;

WHEREAS, it was estimated that raising the amount of education grants for both elementary and high school student beneficiaries by 20% will help improve completion and cohort survival rates of children beneficiaries of the program;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the program objective of keeping children healthy and in school, it is deemed far more beneficial for beneficiary households to receive higher amount of cash grants to sustain their long term investment in human capital and to contribute more to the stoppage of intergenerational cycle of poverty;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED as it is hereby resolved by the members of the NAC, this 22nd of June 2016, to approve the increase in the amount of cash grants effective January 2017 specifically the following details:


1. Increase the amount of education grant for children in elementary school by at least 20% from Php 300.00 per child per month to Php 360.00;

2. Increase the amount of education grant for children in high school by 20% from Php 500.00 per child per month to Php 600.00;
3. Increase the amount of health grant by 20% from Php 500.00 per month to Php 600.00.
4. Establish an acceptable method for determining the equitable amount of cash grant vis-à-vis inflation and use this as basis for proposing further adjustment of cash grant amount in the future as necessary.

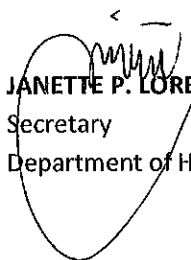
Adopted this 22nd day of June, Two Thousand Sixteen, in Quezon City.


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By Authority of the Secretary


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(per S.O. No. 2404, s. of 2016)

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