



P6.3-b released by PhilHealth worth of claims

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THE Philippine Health Insurance Corp. (PhilHealth) has released P6.3-billion worth of claims of hospitals in high-risk areas in the battle against COVID-19, a PhilHealth executive has confirmed.

PhilHealth Vice President for Corporate Affairs Dr. Shirley Domingo, during the Laging Handa public briefing, said they had released the funds through the debit-credit payment program to around 206 health institutions.

Domingo said PhilHealth had paid out 79 percent of the total claims, whether COVID or non-COVID.

She said PhilHealth had paid the Philippine Red Cross around P5.5 billion for COVID-19 test claims.

Domingo also said PhilHealth was open to a proposal of a technical working group meeting between PhilHealth and hospitals that would handle the processing of the state health insurer claims, following some data discrepancies.

"Not all claims that we are receiving are paid immediately, as we thoroughly investigate the processing because we are using people's money," Domingo said.