



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
REGION VI – WESTERN VISAYAS  
**SCHOOLS DIVISION OF AKLAN**

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In compliance with DepEd Order (DO) No. 8, s. 2013  
this advisory is issued not for endorsement per DO 28, s. 2001,  
but only for the information of the Schools Division of Aklan  
officials and personnel/staff.

Attached is a letter of intent from the **Integrated Philippine Association of Optometrists (IPAO), Inc.** regarding **free prescription eyeglasses for children aged 0-15 years old** through **PhilHealth Circular 2025-002**.

The Public Schools District Supervisor (PSDSs), Principal In-Charge of the Districts (PIDs) and Head Teacher In-Charge of the District (HTID) and school heads of the schools are encouraged to cater the request.

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### Letter of Intent

FEBRUARY 2, 2026

Oliver J. Relator / Jane N. Redison, SP-II  
MT-I/OIC Office of the Principal  
Banga Elementary School  
Banga, Aklan

**Subject: Letter of Intent – Implementation of PhilHealth Benefit for Optometric Services for Grades 1 to 6 Learners**

Dear Principal Relator,

In view of the partnership between **Integrated Philippine Association of Optometrists (IPAO)** and **Department of Education (DepEd)** and **Philhealth's** coverage of optometric services, and free prescription eyeglasses for children aged 0-15 years old through **Philhealth Circular 2025-002**, said eye care services and prescription eyeglasses may be availed **FREE of CHARGE** to the student-beneficiaries of public-school children.

We are eager to begin this mission as soon as possible to ensure these children receive the necessary support for the current school year. We plan to start by testing Grades 1 and 6, followed by Grades 2 to 5.

Given the logistic planning required by IPAO National to reach all priority schools in Aklan, a prompt response regarding your preferred schedule would be greatly appreciated. This will allow us to reserve the necessary specialized equipment and personnel for your campus.

As the sole PhilHealth-accredited optometrist in the province to date, and with additional optometrists in Aklan soon to join, we will ensure full coverage of all schools in the province. At present, I have been tasked with conducting the following optometric tests:

- **Visual Acuity:** Measuring the clarity and sharpness of vision.
- **Objective Refraction:** Using specialized equipment to determine the exact eye prescription without relying on the child's subjective feedback.
- **Fixation Reflex (Neuro-Visual Exam):** A critical assessment of fixation, saccades, pursuits, and the vestibulo-ocular reflex. This evaluates the connection between the eyes and the brain (**Occipital Lobe and Superior Colliculus**) to ensure the child's brain is properly processing visual information.

✓ FEB. 5, 2026  
GRADE 6 PARENTS MEETING/ORIENTATION



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To ensure the success of this mission, we humbly request your approval and the support of your faculty. We would greatly appreciate the assistance of the **Teachers/Advisors** in the following areas:

1. **Parental Communication:** Helping explain to parents the long-term benefits of this free vision screening and the opportunity to avail of free eyeglasses. We will also set a meeting to all the concerned parents to further inform them about how to access these benefits.
2. **Consent Forms:** Assisting in the distribution and collection of signed parental consent forms. Please note that **no child will be tested without a signed consent form.**

After the tests are performed, we will submit copies of the master list of students who did not pass the optometric test and are recommended to avail of the PhilHealth optometric benefit package for free to the School Division Office, the school, and the IPAO National.

Should there be any additional services needed after the school project, I am affiliated with **Universal Eye Check Optical**, located at CityMall–Kalibo, Gaisano Capital–Kalibo and The Shoppes at Station B–Boracay. You are always welcome to visit the clinic for any other optometric services you may need.

We look forward to partnering with Kalibo Elementary School in protecting the vision and the future of your students.

Sincerely,

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