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In the past few days several means of communication have referred to a report from the State Comptrollership in relation to payments made by the Ecuadorian Social Security for attention extended to those affiliated to the aforementioned Institute.

For this reason as well as for the respect the citizenry deserves, la Junta de Beneficencia de Guayaquil feels compelled to make a brief statement about it:

- 1.- La Junta de Beneficencia de Guayaquil is a private, social assistance, non-profit Corporation which extends medical attention among other services, to whomever needs them. For over 128 years it has shown total honesty and impecable performance, reasons for which it has survived with the support and consideration of both inhabitants and different governments in Ecuador.
- 2.- There is a report from an audit Director in which he emits assertions and observations to finally recommend that the parties (social security, those who service the patients and the R.DES Corporate Services Ltd.) form work groups to inspect the billing process for the various attentions given, in our case, by the Institution.
- 3.- La Junta de Beneficncia de Guayaquil is ready, as always, to undergo the verification process suggested by the comptrollership audit Director. Furthermore, the Institution is pleased that this be done as soon as possible so that: first and foremost there should not remain the shadow of a doubt with regard to the Junta's impecable behavior and, secondly, that Social Security should effect payment owed to the Junta.
- 4.- La Junta de Beneficencia de Guayaquil from July 1st of 2012 to August 31sT of 2015, has extended approximately nine hundred thousand attentions to affiliated social security members with over 31.5 million billed; whereby it would seem highly improbable such a huge billing would be free of mistakes. these were confirmed we would be the first to recognize and accept them by not canceling them or by compensation.

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