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**PHILHEALTH CIRCULAR**

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**TO :** All National Health Insurance Program (NHIP) members, National Government Agencies, Local Government Units, Government-Owned and/or Controlled Corporations, Self-Governing Bodies, State Colleges and Universities, Constitutional Offices, Private Sector Employers Including Household Employers, Accredited Collecting Banks and All Concerned

**SUBJECT :** Policies on National Health Insurance Program (NHIP) premiums erroneously remitted by employers / members to the Social Security System (SSS) after the turnover of collection function to PhilHealth

**DATE :** July 12, 2000

IN order to address the confusion affecting members and employers as a result of payments of premium contribution made to the Social Security System (SSS) after the turnover of collection function to this Corporation, the following policies / guidelines are hereby issued:

**I. Treatment of NHIP Premiums paid to the SSS after July 1, 1999**

The Corporation shall not credit NHIP premium payments erroneously remitted to the SSS after July 1, 1999. Hence, employers / members are required to pay to PhilHealth through its Accredited Collecting Banks (ACBs) such premium contributions that were inadvertently paid to SSS as mentioned above.

In correcting such erroneous payments, the employer / member may not include payments for penalties, pending resolution of the issue on whether or not such payments shall be treated as late payments. Employers / members may inquire from the SSS with regard to the refund of their erroneous payment.

**II. Treatment of NHIP Premiums paid prior to July 1, 1999 but applicable for July 1999 and onwards**

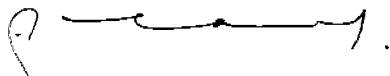
Employers / members who paid their NHIP premiums to the SSS prior to the turnover covering the second quarter of 1999 and onwards shall not be required to repay their premium contributions since these were presumed to have been remitted to PhilHealth by the SSS.

### III. Eligibility to NHIP Benefits

For purposes of determining benefit eligibility, NHIP contributions remitted to the SSS prior to July 1, 1999 regardless of period coverage shall be presumed to be included in the remittances forwarded by the SSS to PhilHealth. Hence, members who can show proofs of payments to the SSS prior to the turnover are considered eligible for NHIP benefits.

For those who erroneously paid their NHIP premium contribution to the SSS after the turnover, their eligibility to avail of the benefits shall not be affected provided they shall pay their NHIP contributions until August 31, 2000. Failure to pay within the reglementary period may affect a member's benefit availment eligibility.

Please be guided accordingly.



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