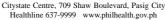


Republic of the Philippines PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION





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PHILHEALTH CIRCULAR No. 23, s-2005

: ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, PHILHEALTH REGIONAL TΟ

OFFICES AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT: Renewal of 2.5 million indigent families enrolled under the

"Enhanced PCSO Greater Medicare Access Program"

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 452 s.2005, PhilHealth is mandated to renew the coverage of 2.5 million indigent families, part of the 4.3 million indigent families enrolled under the "Enhanced PCSO Greater Medicare Access Program". This is to sustain the provision of affordable and accessible health care services to indigent families and to extend assistance to Local Government Units that are financially unable to provide counterpart subsidies for the needed premium contributions.

In this regard, the Department of Budget and Management has been authorized to release the funds from any available source, strictly in accordance with existing laws and regulations, in the amount of PhP 1.5 billion to subsidize the health insurance coverage of the 2.5 million indigent families.

Furthermore, the Corporation approved Board Resolution No. 819 s. 2005 dated July 28, 2005, for the membership renewal of indigent families during the transition year in 2005 for a validity period of one year. The renewed indigent members and their qualified dependents shall be entitled to the regular PhilHealth benefit package, without the Outpatient Consultation and Diagnostic (OPB) Package.

For your information and guidance.

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