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## Member Data Record Now A Primary Document for Benefits Availment

ALL PhilHealth members and their dependents seeking confinement starting **September 1, 2007** shall be required to submit a copy of their updated Member Data Record (MDR) as a primary document to facilitate availment of National Health Insurance Program benefits, particularly before hospital discharge.

This advisory is being issued to inform members and health care partner-providers that PhilHealth is extending the effectivity date of its Circular No. 7, s-2007 (as amended) **from** June 1 **to** September 1, 2007 admissions. The extension is aimed at giving members reasonable time to secure copies of their MDRs.

If a member is not able to present an updated MDR, secondary supporting documents such as birth certificate, marriage contract and other documents may be accepted to ensure benefit claim availment.

Members are enjoined to update and secure their MDRs from any of PhilHealth's offices nationwide.

