

## Reiteration of the new health care provider engagement process in support to the Universal Health Care (UHC) or Kalusugang Pangkalahatan (KP) and extension of submission of performance commitment

With the PhilHealth Board's approval of the New Health Care Provider Engagement Process as contained in PhilHealth Circulars No. 13 and 31, s. 2012, we are reiterating the following policies:

1. Subject to the Department of Health's full implementation of the DOH AO 2011-0020 entitled **"Streamlining of Licensure and Accreditation of Hospitals"**, which incorporates the 51 core indicators of the Benchbook accreditation standards, PhilHealth will consider all DOH-licensed hospitals as having complied with the accreditation requirements for Centers of Safety and will be deemed accredited as such without being subjected to pre-accreditation survey.
2. As provided for in the General Appropriations Act (GAA) of 2012, all licensed or, as applicable, certified government health facilities are automatically accredited effective April 1, 2012. However, these facilities have to submit the "Performance Commitment" to PhilHealth to activate their participation in the NHIP and become entitled to receive PhilHealth payments.
3. Hospitals applying for higher accreditation, i.e., as Center of Quality or Center of Excellence, will still undergo pre-accreditation surveys before submitting their Performance Commitment to PhilHealth. Those with current accreditation by accrediting organizations that are accredited by ISQua in both organization and standards are also exempted from pre-accreditation survey.

In consideration of the requests for the extension of the submission of the signed Performance Commitments from our partner providers, the deadline for submission has been extended from July 31, 2012 to September 30, 2012 for this year's accreditation cycle. We enjoin ALL INSTITUTIONAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS to submit their signed Performance Commitments, including their audited financial statements as requirements for receiving Philhealth reimbursements on or before **September 30, 2012** to concerned PhilHealth Regional Offices.

We thank ALL INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITED HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS who submitted their Performance Commitment before July 31, 2012. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated by the Corporation.



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