

PhilHealth Advisory

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To All Heads of Departments, Bureaus, Offices and Agencies of the National Government, Including State Universities and Colleges (SUCs), Government-Owned or Controlled Corporations (GOCCs), Government Financial Institutions (GFIs), Local Government Units (LGUs) and All Others Concerned

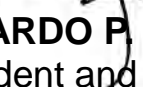
The Department of Budget & Management (DBM) recently issued DBM Circular No. 2012-12 dated June 29, 2012 covering all national government agencies including SUCs, GOCCs, GFIs, LGUs and all other government agencies and instrumentalities and prescribing the corresponding share in PhilHealth premium contributions for government employers.

The subject DBM Circular on the prescribed premium rates effectively decreased the current rates being observed by all agencies concerned in accordance with the existing premium contribution rates being used by PhilHealth since 2005. The Circular inadvertently infringed on the authority and fiscal autonomy of PhilHealth to determine the appropriate contribution rates to be imposed taking into particular consideration the actuarial solvency of the Corporation in continuously and effectively implementing our National Health Insurance Program (NHIP).

Accordingly, PhilHealth formally submitted its position to the DBM for reconsideration and appropriate modification of the subject DBM Circular No. 2012-12, to reconcile the said issuance with existing rates being used by the Corporation pursuant to its law-mandated authority to determine the appropriate premium rates. Presently, formal consultations and negotiations on the pending matter are being held between PhilHealth and the DBM.

In order not to unnecessarily impede PhilHealth's thrust of attaining Universal Health Care (UHC) as one of the centerpiece of the present Administration, all concerned agencies are hereby advised to continuously observe the premium contribution rates prescribed under Schedule B of PhilHealth Circular No. 01 s. 2005, pending the resolution of the on-going consultation between Philippine Health Insurance Corporation and the Department of Budget & Management.

Please be guided accordingly.


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