

## **Deferment on the Issuance of the Individual Policy Contracts**

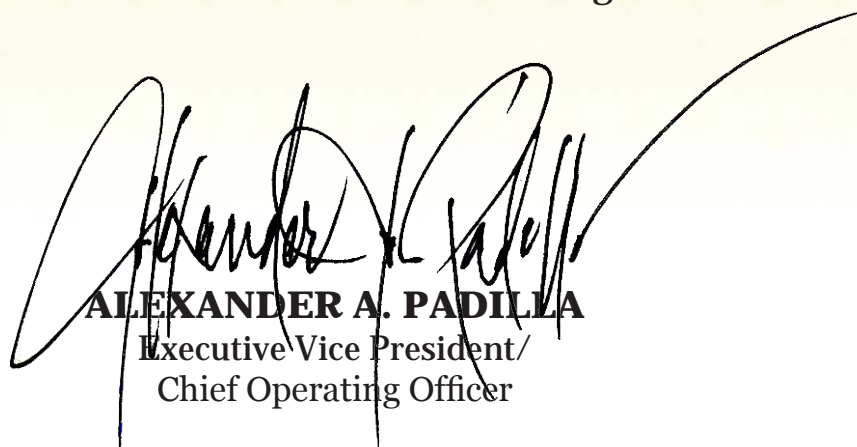
RA 7875 provides that NHIP coverage is compulsory and every Filipino is mandated to be enrolled and covered by PhilHealth. One strategy to empower and ensure sustained membership in NHIP is the issuance of Individual Policy Contract (IPC) for Individually Paying Members (IPM) beginning January 1, 2013 as provided in PhilHealth Circular Nos. 20 and 61, s-2012.

In recognition of the need for program enhancements, the PhilHealth management has resolved to defer the issuance of the IPC for the Individually Paying Program.

In line with this development, all PhilHealth Regional Offices shall ensure non-disruption of benefits availment for all Individually Paying Members (IPMs) with IPC at point of care. Benefits due to the IPC holder shall be given accordingly as mandated by PhilHealth Circular 61, series of 2012. Similarly, all PROs shall advise accredited health care providers to honor the IPC when presented for availment. Lastly, all PhilHealth Offices are advised to assist existing IPMs with IPC in PhilHealth transactions.

All issued IPC shall remain valid and in effect during the whole validity of the contract.

For compliance.



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