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LIFTING OF SPECIAL PRIVILEGES IN NORTHERN SAMAR, ORMOC CITY AND KANANGA, LEYTE

In relation to the grant of special privileges in Northern Samar and in Ormoc City / Kananga, Leyte, as embodied in PhilHealth Circular 2017-0001 and PhilHealth Advisory 2017-0045 respectively, assessments were conducted on the current state of the affected areas in terms of electric power and economic activities. It was observed, and where in fact concurred with by officials of the Local Government Units (LGUs), that the said areas are now back to normal in both scopes of electric power and economic activities.

In view of this, the said grants are considered lifted on December 31, 2017. This, in effect, would mean that beginning January 1, 2018, all Health Care Institutions (HCIs) in Northern Samar, Ormoc City and Kananga, Leyte will resume the following:

- a. **Section 46 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations:** Reimbursement and Period to File Claims
- b. **PhilHealth Circular 2017-0021:** Application of Sufficient Regularity of Payment of Premium Contributions to the Required Qualifying Contributions for Eligibility to PhilHealth Benefits
- c. **PhilHealth Circular 0035-2013: All Case Rates Policy No. 2** – Implementing Guidelines on Medical and Procedure Case Rates

All Local Health Insurance Offices (LHIOs) in PhilHealth Regional Office VIII especially in Catarman, Northern Samar and Ormoc, Leyte shall resume the implementation of the regular components of the National Health Insurance Program (NHIP) to facilitate the expansion and coverage of members in their catchment areas.

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