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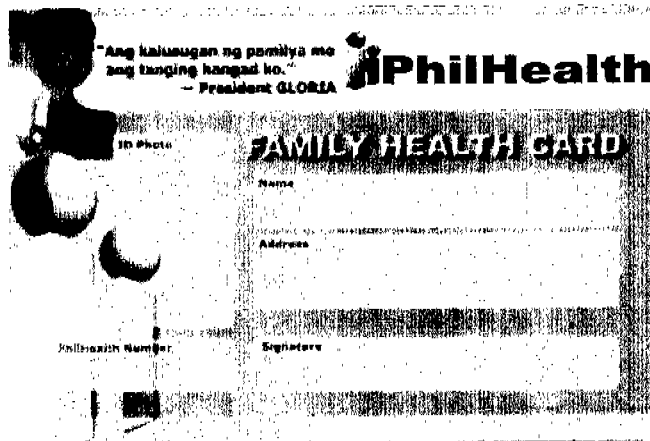
No. 04, s-2004

TO : ALL MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (NHIP), ACCREDITED HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND ALL CONCERNED

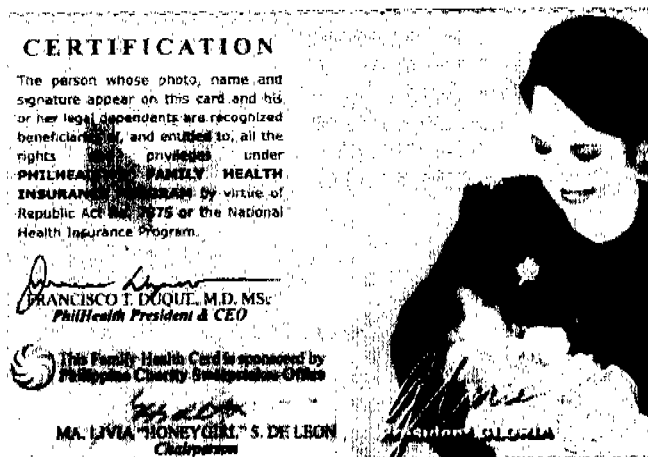
SUBJECT : PhilHealth Family Cards for Indigents

In line with continuous enrolment of Indigents to the National Health Insurance Program (NHIP), PhilHealth Family Cards are issued as proof of membership. These IDs indicate the effective dates of membership within which members and their qualified dependents are eligible to avail of benefits. As reference, effective February 1, 2004, new ID shall appear as follows:

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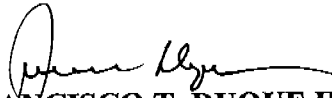
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The Greater Medicare Access ID as presented in PhilHealth Circular No. 13, s-2003 can still be honored as proof of eligibility to avail PhilHealth benefits for services rendered within the validity period indicated therein.

As a matter of clarification, benefits covered for those with valid ID's include inpatient care (confinement), outpatient surgical service, maternity and DOTS package in accredited hospitals, maternity clinics and DOTS Centers, respectively. For patients confined in accredited hospital within which membership becomes effective or expires, computation of benefits for the room & board and the professional fees on daily visits are based on the number of days covered by the effectivity of the membership and the allowable benefits. Further, benefits for Drugs and Medicines, Supplies and Laboratories, Operating Room (OR) fee, surgeons & anesthesiologists fees remain within the benefit ceiling depending on case-type of illness, surgery performed and hospital category.

All other provisions of PhilHealth Circular No. 18, s-2003 (Documentary Requirements in the Availment of NHIP Benefits) and PhilHealth Circular No. 34, s-2003 (Omnibus Guidelines on Entitlement to NHIP Benefits) shall remain in full force and effect.



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