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PHILHEALTH CIRCULAR

No. 020 2012

TO  : **ALL INDIVIDUALLY PAYING MEMBERS, KaSAPI PROGRAM ENROLLEES, MEMBERS UNDER THE GROUP ENROLLMENT SCHEME, ACCREDITED HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, ACCREDITED COLLECTING AGENTS AND ALL OFFICES CONCERNED**

SUBJECT : **Implementation of the New Premium Contributions and Requirement of Policy Contracts for the Individually Paying Program (IPP)**

I. RATIONALE AND OBJECTIVES

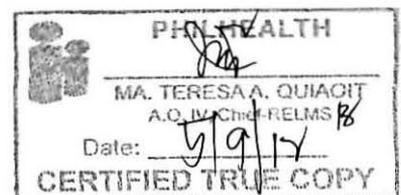
In response to the thrust of the Aquino Administration for *Kalusugang Pangkalahatan (KP)* to provide universal health care to all Filipinos and in line with the attainment of the 2015 health targets under the Millenium Development Goals (MDGs), the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) shall provide enhanced benefits to improve financial risk protection of its members. Further, PhilHealth shall also provide all Filipinos with Primary Care Benefit (PCB) Package and an option to avail of the No Balance Billing (NBB) policy on health care services.

To efficiently implement product improvements and sustain the provision of National Health Insurance Program (NHIP) benefit packages, increasing investment in health care through the adjustment of current premium contribution rates for all members is essential. Thus, through PhilHealth Board Resolution No. 1571, series of 2011, the PhilHealth Board and Management approved the increase in premium contributions of those enrolled or to be enrolled under the Individually Paying Program to Two Thousand Four Hundred Pesos (PhP 2,400) per year effective July 1, 2012.

Further, to ensure continuous coverage of members in the Informal Sector, PhilHealth shall issue a policy contract which provides financial risk protection to the members and their dependents.

II. COVERAGE

This Circular covers those enrolled or to be enrolled under the Individually-paying Program (IPP) of PhilHealth such as the following:

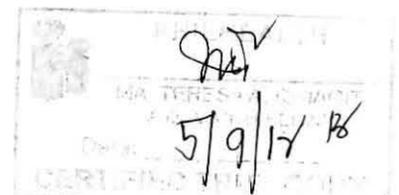


- a. Self-employed individuals – those who work for themselves and are therefore both the employer and employee.
- b. Separated from employment – those who have been previously employed (with employer-employee relationship) and are currently without means of income.
- c. Employees of international organizations and foreign governments based in the Philippines who have no prior agreement with PhilHealth for the coverage of their Filipino employees.
- d. Unemployed individuals who are not qualified as indigents.
- e. All other individuals not covered under the previous categories mentioned, including but not limited to the following:
 - i. Parents who are not qualified as legal dependents, indigents or retirees/pensioners;
 - ii. Retirees who did not meet the minimum of 120 monthly premium contributions to qualify as non-paying members; and
 - iii. Children who are not qualified as legal dependents
- f. Organized Groups – such as the following:
 - i. Existing members under the KaSAPI Program and Group Enrollment schemes of PhilHealth
 - ii. Members under the new iGroup Program

III. IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES

To ensure the proper implementation of the new premium rates for the Individually-Paying Program, the following guidelines shall be applied:

1. For Individually-Paying Members (IPMs)
 - a. The annual premium contribution for IPMs earning an average gross monthly income of Twenty Five Thousand Pesos (PhP 25,000) and below shall be One Thousand Two Hundred Pesos (PhP 1,200), if paid before July 1, 2012. If paid on or after July 1, 2012, the annual premium contribution shall be Two Thousand Four Hundred Pesos (PhP 2,400) per year.
 - b. IPMs including Self-employed Professionals earning an average gross monthly income above PhP 25,000.00 shall continue to pay their annual premium contribution of Three Thousand Six Hundred Pesos (PhP 3,600.00) per year beginning CY 2012, as provided in PhilHealth Circular No. 24 and Office Order No. 65, series of 2010.



- c. IPMs who would like to avail the current annual premium rate of One Thousand Two Hundred Pesos (PhP 1,200), shall be required to perform the following for the period May 1 to June 30, 2012:
 - i. Sign an Individually Policy Contract (IPC) with PhilHealth for a lock-in period of two years; and
 - ii. Pay in advance the first year premium requirement equivalent to One Thousand Two Hundred Pesos (PhP 1,200) with the balance to be settled on a quarterly, semi-annual or annual basis as agreed in the IPC.
 - d. IPMs who have made advance payments prior to said date shall not be required to sign a Policy Contract until their next payment.
 - e. All Contracts shall be effective on the date of initial payment.
 - f. The separate Circular with implementing guidelines for the issuance of the IPCs shall be released.
2. For Organized Groups (OGs)
- a. Premium rates for OG members enrolled starting July 1, 2012 shall be Two Thousand Four Hundred Pesos (PhP 2,400) per year.
 - b. OGs who would like to avail the current annual premium rate of PhP 1,200 per year shall be required to perform the following for the period May 1 to June 30, 2012:
 - i. Sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and Group Policy Contract (GPC) with PhilHealth with a lock-in period of two years; and
 - ii. Pay in advance the first year premium requirement equivalent to One Thousand Two Hundred Pesos (PhP 1,200) for each enrollee with the balance to be settled on a quarterly, semi-annual or annual basis as agreed in the GPC.
 - c. Collection of initial and succeeding payments from individual members shall be done by the OG and shall be remitted directly to the nearest LHIO. The OG shall periodically inform its members about the remittance of their premiums to PhilHealth.
 - d. Premium incentives for OGs shall be based on the attached iGroup Premium Schedule.
 - e. The Circular and Office Order for the implementation of the iGroup Program and issuance of GPCs shall be released separately.

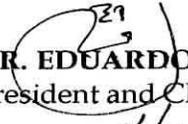


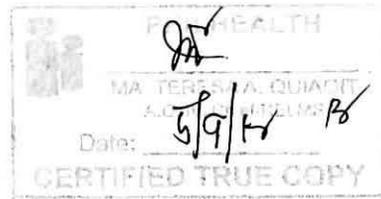
IV. EFFECTIVITY

This Circular shall take effect immediately after due publication in any newspaper of general circulation and deposited with the National Administrative Register at the University of the Philippines Law Center.

All issuances that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Circular are deemed superseded.

For information and guidance.


DR. EDUARDO P. BANZON
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4/20/2012
Date



iGroup Program Premium Schedule

as of April 2012

Group Size	Minimum % of Members	Minimum No. of Members	Group Band	Discounted Premium Requirement per Transaction based on Php 2,400/member/year		
				Annual	Semi-Annual	Quarterly
5,000	70%	3,500	12	2,166.00	1,095.00	552
4,500		3,150	11	2,178.00	1,101.00	555
4,000		2,800	10	2,190.00	1,107.00	558
3,500		2,450	9	2,202.00	1,113.00	561
3,000		2,100	8	2,214.00	1,119.00	564
2,500		1,750	7	2,226.00	1,125.00	567
2,000		1,400	6	2,238.00	1,131.00	570
1,500		1,050	5	2,250.00	1,137.00	573
1,000		700	4	2,262.00	1,143.00	576
500		350	3	2,274.00	1,149.00	579
250		175	2	2,280.00	1,152.00	580.5
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