



PHILHEALTH CIRCULAR

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TO : **ALL ACCREDITED HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS/FACILITIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, SPONSORS AND SPONSORED PROGRAM MEMBERS**

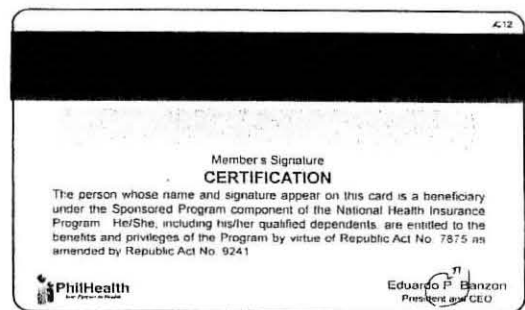
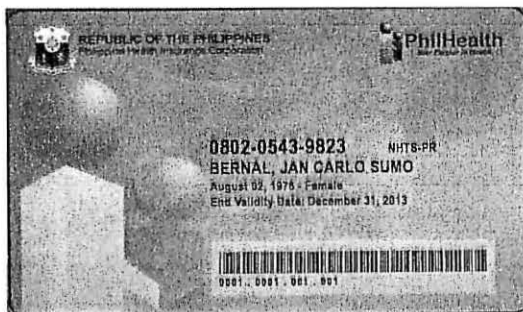
SUBJECT : **NEW PHILHEALTH NUMBER CARD (PNC) FOR THE SPONSORED PROGRAM MEMBERS**

I. RATIONALE

Pursuant to PhilHealth Board Resolution Nos. 1571 and 1579, series of 2011, PhilHealth shall ensure sustained health insurance coverage of NHTS- and LGU-identified indigent families under the Sponsored Program. To properly identify these qualified indigent families, all Sponsored Program Members shall be issued the new PhilHealth Number Card (PNC) which shall serve as their key to avail of the no balance billing (NBB) in government hospitals/facilities, case rates, other cases and procedures through fee-for-service and the Primary Care Benefit (PCB) Package of the National Health Insurance Program in accredited government health facilities.

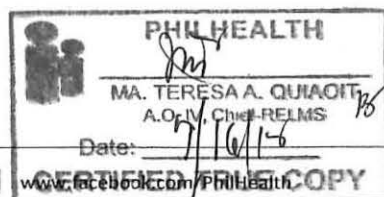
II. THE PHILHEALTH NUMBER CARD (PNC)

The Card as shown below is a PVC-type card that shall contain the PhilHealth Identification Number (PIN), Full Name of the principal member, Birthdate, Gender and the Validity Date of the card. A space is provided reflecting the bar code. For the NHTS-Sponsored Program members, "NHTS-PR" is indicated beside the member's PIN. The back portion of the PNC has a magnetic strip, a space for the member's signature and the signature of the President and Chief Executive Officer of PhilHealth. The Card has the logos of the Republic of the Philippines and PhilHealth at the top left and right portion, respectively.



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The PNC, which has a two-year validity period (2012-2013), is the key to benefit availment by the Sponsored Member and his/her qualified dependents because the bar code and/or the magnetic strip at the back of the Card provides access to PhilHealth's database to facilitate eligibility check and membership verification. The said feature shall eventually do away with the Member Data Record (MDR) as a requirement for benefit availment. However, in consideration of the current readiness and capacity of the health facilities/providers, the MDRs shall still be issued to Sponsored Program Members.


III. DISTRIBUTION

- A. The PNC shall be ready for distribution August 2012 for NHTS-identified sponsored members and October 2012 for the LGU-identified sponsored members. Hence, during the transition period, while the PNCs are in the process of procurement, the PhilHealth Regional/Branch/Local Health Insurance Offices shall issue/have issued Certificates of Eligibility (CE1), MDRs, the PhilHealth Identification Cards (PICs) with the signature of the current President and Chief Executive Officer.
- B. The PhilHealth Regional/Branch/Local Health Insurance Offices together with the Center for Health Development (CHD) of the Department of Health (DOH) and the Local Government Units (LGUs) shall be responsible for the proper distribution of the cards and shall ensure the conduct of orientation to the members.
- C. Information Materials/brochures/flyers shall be made available by the PhilHealth Regional/Branch/Service Offices during PNC distribution to the members. Information Education Campaign shall likewise be provided during distribution activities highlighting the following:
 1. Rights and Responsibilities of a Member
 2. List of Benefits and Services
 3. How to avail of the benefits
- D. The PhilHealth Regional/Branch/Local Health Insurance Offices shall provide a Master List of Enrolees per barangay per municipality to the designated/authorized personnel to be signed by the members upon receipt of PNC and/or MDR. The designated/authorized personnel who distributed PNCs/MDRs shall return the Master List of Enrolees signed by the members to the nearest PhilHealth Regional/Branch/Service Office to facilitate posting of the Master List of Enrolees per City/Municipality/Province at PhilHealth's website.

IV. EFFECTIVITY

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

All other provisions of previous issuances which are inconsistent with this Circular are hereby repealed.


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