



PHILHEALTH CIRCULAR

No. 041, s. 2012

TO : ALL INDIVIDUALLY PAYING MEMBERS, ACCREDITED HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, ACCREDITED COLLECTING AGENTS AND ALL CONCERNED

SUBJECT : Clarification on the applicability of PhilHealth Circular No. 20, series of 2012, PhilHealth Circular No. 32, series of 2012 and Individual Policy Contract issuance

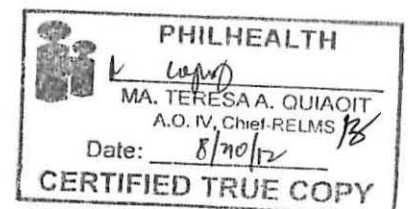
I. RATIONALE AND OBJECTIVE

PhilHealth Circular Nos. 32, series of 2012 and PhilHealth Circular 20, series of 2012 explains the necessity of the premium increase as a means to boost financial investments for health anchored on the Aquino Health Agenda (AHA) for *Kalusugan Pangkabalatan (KP)*. In line with the incremental adjustment in premiums the Individual Policy Contract (IPC) was introduced to serve as a lock-in guarantee and a financial risk protection mechanism for Individually Paying Members (IPMs) of the National Health Insurance Program (NHIP). Conversely, PhilHealth Circular No. 32, series of 2012 was issued in the later part of June 2012 declaring the deferment of both the premium increase for the Individually Paying Program from July 1, 2012 to October 1, 2012 and the implementation of the IPC issuance.

In order to harmonize the interpretation of the foregoing, this Circular is issued to clarify the applicability of the premium increase and the IPC issuance for the benefit of the IPMs and accredited collecting agents.

II. COVERAGE

This Circular covers all IPMs who have paid the One Thousand Two Hundred Pesos (PhP 1,200.00) annual premium between May to June 2012 to be able to lock-in to the same premium rate for two (2) years. It also includes IPMs who have made advance full payments covering two (2) years or more and those who have taken advantage of the premium increase deferment and have opted to pay in full the remaining premium schedule for April-December 2012 until January-December 2013 based on the current rate of PhP 1,200.00.



III. IMPLEMENTING MECHANISMS

A. IPMs who availed of the lock-in promo in May-June 2012, per PC 20, s. of 2012

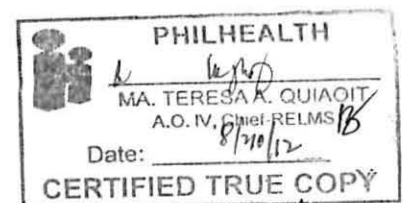
- All IPMs who have opted to pay the PhP 1,200.00 in May-June 2012 shall remain locked-in for two (2) years and, in effect, may pay the second year at the annual rate of PhP 1,200 on a quarterly, semi-annual or annual mode of payment.

Illustration:

Date of Payment	Amount Paid	Covered Period	Remaining Balance of PhP 1,200 to cover	Mode of Payment
May or June 2012	PhP 1,200	2 nd Qtr 2012 – 1 st Qtr 2013	2 nd Qtr 2013 – 1 st Qtr 2014	Quarterly, Semi-annual or Annual
	PhP 1,200	3 rd Qtr 2012 – 2 nd Qtr 2013	3 rd Qtr 2013 – 2 nd Qtr 2014	

- The two (2) year lock-in applies to the foregoing premium remittance schedules.
 - Nevertheless, all annual premium payments made by IPMs within May-June 2012 covering the succeeding years, FY 2014 and onwards, shall be considered locked-in to the PhP 1,200 premium and shall no longer be treated as an underpayment for the applicable years applied for.
 - The names of the covered IPMs shall be provided to the PhilHealth Regional Offices (PROs) and Local Health Insurance Offices (LHIOs) for monitoring and issuance of the Individual Policy Contract (IPC) with validity period applicable to the number of years paid.
 - All IPMs who have paid the PhP 1,200 within May-June 2012 shall be issued the IPC with a validity period of two (2) fiscal years, as applicable.
 - IPC releasing shall commence on October 1, 2012.
- B. IPMS who have paid in advance prior to the promo period in May-June 2012 shall not be required to sign an IPC until their next payment. (PC 20, s. of 2012)
- C. IPP Premium Increase deferment from July 1, 2012 to October 1, 2012, per PC 32, series of 2012
- IPMs who have not availed of the lock-in promo in May-June 2012 may still pay using the current rate of P1,200 annual premium and cover until December 2013, as follows:

Date of Payment	Pay in Full	Covered Period
2 nd Qtr 2012	PhP 2,100	2 nd Qtr 2012 – 4 th Qtr 2013
3 rd Qtr 2012	PhP 1,800	3 rd Qtr 2012 – 4 th Qtr 2013



- D. September 28, 2012 is the last working for acceptance of premium payments in the LHIOs. Subject to the discretion of the PRO Regional Vice-Presidents, LHIOs may continue to accept premium payments until September 30, 2012.
- E. Premium payments for September 29-30, 2012 may be made at accredited collecting agents that are open on weekends.
- F. All IPMs who have made advance full payments until December 2013 shall also be issued an IPC to cover the applicable period.
- G. Starting October 1, 2012, all IPMs paying under the new annual premium rate of Two Thousand Four Hundred Pesos (PhP 2,400.00) shall be required to sign an IPC.

IV. CONDUCT OF INFORMATION AND EDUCATION CAMPAIGN (IEC)

All PhilHealth Offices and employees are hereby directed to conduct an information and education campaign so as to ensure the immediate dissemination of these recent development for the benefit of all the stakeholders and partners of PhilHealth.

V. EFFECTIVITY

This Circular shall take effect immediately. A copy hereof shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation and deposited with the National Administrative Register at the University of the Philippines Law Center.

All provisions of previous issuances that are inconsistent herewith are deemed superseded.

For information and guidance.

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