

**ISSUANCE AND VOLUNTARY AVAILMENT OF THE PHILHEALTH HEALTH INSURANCE CARD (HIC) BY THE MEMBERS OF THE FORMAL ECONOMY**

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**1. Who may avail of the PhilHealth Health Insurance Card (HIC)?**

Initially, the Health Insurance Card will be made available to the members of the Formal Economy

**2. How much will the card cost?**

The card shall not exceed Ninety Pesos (P90.00)

**3. Who shall shoulder the cost of its production?**

The cost of each HIC shall be charged against the members or their respective employers

**4. What are the benefits or privileges of HIC holders?**

It shall be recognized as a valid government-issued identification and shall be honored in transactions requiring the verification of a person's identity. Moreover, the card may be used during the principal member's confinement by presenting such, in lieu of the Member Data Record (MDR), to accredited health care institutions together with the properly accomplished Claim Form 1 (CF-1) to avail of PhilHealth benefits.

**5. When will the new payment schedule start?**

The new payment schedule shall take effect starting the applicable month of March onwards. This means that the new payment schedule shall take effect on April – the payment period for the applicable month of March.

**6. Since it was stated the employers with PENs ending in 0-4 shall pay every 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> of the month following the applicable period, does this mean that those ending with 0 shall pay on the 11<sup>th</sup>, those with 1 shall pay on the 12<sup>th</sup>, and so on?**

No, there is no specific and exact date within which employers whose PEN ends in 0-4 may pay for as long as they pay from 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>. This also holds true to those employers whose PENs end in 5-9 who are allowed to pay from 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> of the month following the applicable month.

**7. With the advent of this revised payment schedule, does this mean that employers are already prohibited to pay the premium before the schedule?**

No, this does not hinder any employer who wishes to pay before the prescribed schedule.

**8. When will be the deadline for the submission of remittance reports?**

Consistent with existing policies, deadline for the submission of reports shall be within five (5) days after the deadline of payment. As such, for those whose PENs end from 0-4, deadline shall be on the 20<sup>th</sup> and those with 5-9, the deadline shall be on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

**9. What if the last day of the prescribed schedule falls on a weekend or on a holiday?**

If the last day of the prescribed schedule falls on a weekend or on a holiday, deadline of payment or submission of report shall be on the next working day.