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PhilHealth Circular No. 009-2015

Mandatory Payment of Premium Contributions of Employers and Employees in PhilHealth Accredited Collecting Agents

1. What is PC 009-2015 all about?

This Circular says that all premium payments of employees and their employees under the Formal Economy shall only be made at any PhilHealth-accredited collecting agent of their choice and no longer at PhilHealth offices.

2. What is the legal basis for this Circular?

This Circular is pursuant to Section 6.f of the Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations of the National Health Insurance Act of 2013 which mandates PhilHealth to *“establish and maintain an updated membership and contribution database.”*

3. What is the coverage of this circular?

This Circular shall apply to all employers in the government and private sectors with 11 or more employees.

4. Are there any exemptions under this Circular? Where can these exempted employers pay and submit their remittance reports?

Yes. The following are exempted:

- Micro-firms or those employers/businesses with less than 11 employees, employers of *Kasambahays* and family drivers;
- Employers with 11 employees or more but are located in geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas (GIDAS) with no available internet service provider and accredited collecting agents; and,
- Employers with 11 employees or more located in areas where there are ACAs but no available internet service providers.

These exempted employers can still pay their premiums and submit their remittance reports at any PhilHealth office.

5. When is the effectivity of this Circular?

This Circular will be effective on July 1, 2015 which covers premium payment and remittance reports for the applicable month of June 2015.

6. Where can the list of ACAs be accessed?

The list of ACAs can be accessed through the corporate website at www.philhealth.gov.ph.