

TAMANG SAGOT

PhilHealth Circular No. 2017-0001

Extension of Special Privileges to the Province of Northern Samar until December 31, 2017

1. What prompted the extension of Special Privileges to Northern Samar?

PhilHealth's mandate is to provide responsive health care benefits to its members at all times. It also undertakes appropriate measures in response to the declaration of the state of calamity. Last December 14, 2015, Typhoon Nona hit the Province of Northern Samar. In response, all privileges in accordance with the provisions of PC 34, s. 2013 were extended to the members in the province to give them ample time to recover from the calamity they have experienced.

2. What provinces are covered by the extension of Special Privileges?

The extension of special privileges is granted only to the Province of Northern Samar.

3. What are the special privileges included in the said PC?

These are special privileges in enrolment, membership, benefit entitlement and other privileges granted for those affected by fortuitous events as provided for in PhilHealth Circular No. 0034, s-2013 and its supplement PhilHealth Circular No. 0006, s-2014.

4. Until when will the special privileges be available?

The privileges stated in the PhilHealth Circular shall be effective until December 31, 2017, subject to further evaluation for its possible, subsequent extension.