

# TAMANG SAGOT

## PhilHealth Circular No. 2017 - 0003

### ENROLLMENT OF FOREIGN NATIONALS UNDER THE INFORMAL ECONOMY PROGRAM OF THE NHIP

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#### 1. What is the basis of this issuance?

Section 5 (b6), Rule 1, Title III of the revised IRR of RA 7875, as amended, provides for the inclusion of “citizens of other countries working and/or residing in the Philippines” under the Informal Economy of the NHIP. Likewise, PhilHealth Board Resolution No. 2093, s-2016 approves specific mechanisms of providing social health insurance coverage to foreign nationals and former Filipinos under the partnership program between PhilHealth and Philippine Retirement Authority (PRA).

#### 2. Who are these foreign nationals to be covered under the Informal Economy Program?

The following will be covered by this Circular:

- a. Foreign retirees or former Filipino nationals registered to PRA and their qualified dependents, who are holders of Special Resident Retiree’s Visa (SRRV) and granted permanent residency status pursuant to Section 9 (d) of Executive Order No. 1037 dated July 4, 1985.
- b. Citizens of other countries working and/or residing in the Philippines and holders of valid Alien Certificate of Registration Identity Card (ACR I-Card).

#### 3. What are the basic requirements for the enrollment of foreign nationals?

- 3.1 Valid SRRV – for foreign retirees registered in PRA
- 3.2 Valid ACR I-Card - for other foreign citizens

#### 4. Who may be declared as member’s qualified dependents?

- 4.1 For foreign national with Filipino spouse:
  - *Filipino spouse and children below 21 years old who is not covered under the NHIP;*

- 4.2 For couples who are both foreign nationals:
- *Either the foreign spouse or one (1) of their children below 21 years old who is not a Filipino citizen*

**5. How much is the annual premium contribution rate for foreign nationals?**

- 5.1 Php 15,000.00/annum – for foreign retirees registered in PRA  
5.2 Php 17,000.00/annum – for other foreign citizens

Having been covered under a Joint PhilHealth-PRA Memorandum, foreign retirees registered in PRA will have a lower annual premium rate. The PRA will help PhilHealth [facilitate enrollment of foreign retirees](#).

**6. What are the PhilHealth benefits for member-foreign nationals?**

- 6.1 Inpatient Benefits  
6.2 Outpatient Benefits  
6.3 Special Benefit Packages

**EXCLUSIONS:**

All member-foreign nationals and their qualified dependents (non-Filipino) are excluded from availing themselves of the following NHIP benefits:

- a. Z Benefit Packages
- b. Reimbursement for all confinements abroad
- c. Special privileges for Women About To Give Birth (WATGB)

**7. When is the effectivity of this circular?**

This Circular shall take effect on July 1, 2017.