

TAMANG SAGOT

PhilHealth Circular No. 2017-0005

Coverage of the Members in the Informal Economy under the Group Enrollment Program

1. What is the Group Enrollment Program for Members in the Informal Economy?

It is an enrollment scheme for implementation in partnership with Organized Groups (OGs), Local Government Units (LGUs), National Government Agencies (NGAs), State Universities (SUCs), Government Owned and Controlled Corporations (GOCCs), Private Organizations (POs), and other potential partners unable to comply with the information technology (IT) and other administrative requirements under the iGroup program to facilitate the mass enrollment and provision of financial risk protection to informal economy workers through social health insurance coverage.

2. How is it different from the existing iGroup Program?

Under the Group Enrollment Program:

- a. there is no required minimum number of enrollees;
- b. partners may use the prescribed online application system or opt for manual process depending on their administrative capability;
- c. members are subject to prescribed qualifying contributions on benefit availment;
- d. members are entitled to the same benefits accorded to self-paying members; and
- e. there are no collection incentives.

3. What are the requirements for interested parties in participating under the program?

Interested Organized Groups shall submit the following documents to the concerned PhilHealth Regional Offices (PROs)/Branches/Local Health Insurance Offices (LHIOs):

- a. Letter of Intent; and
- b. Duly accomplished Group Enrollment Application Form.

They must also sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with PhilHealth.

4. What are the duties and responsibilities of partners under the program?

Under the Group Enrollment Program, partners shall:

- a. Facilitate the PhilHealth registration of their members under the Program;
- b. Collect and remit the premium contributions to PhilHealth; and

- c. Conduct regular information and education campaigns among their respective enrollees to inform them about the PhilHealth programs, particularly on benefits and availment procedures.

5. How soon can interested parties avail themselves of this program?

Interested parties may enroll under the program 15 days after publication of the circular.