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PHILHEALTH CIRCULAR
No. 2017-0001

**TO : ALL PHILHEALTH MEMBERS, HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS,
PHILHEALTH REGIONAL OFFICES AND ALL OTHERS
CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT : EXTENSION OF SPECIAL PRIVILEGES TO THE PROVINCE
OF NORTHERN SAMAR UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2017**

Pursuant to the Corporation's mandate of providing responsive health care benefits to its members at all times and in response to the declaration of the state of calamity at the national and local level, PhilHealth granted health care benefits to both members and non-members adversely affected by natural calamities and other fortuitous events from CY 2013 to CY 2015 in accordance with the provisions of PhilHealth Circular No. 0034, s. 2013. In reference to PhilHealth Circular No. 2016-0022, said special privilege has been lifted effective June 1, 2016 with exceptions to those affected by Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) in Region 8 which was extended until December 31, 2016.

Last December 14, 2015, the entire Province of Northern Samar was severely devastated by Typhoon Nona. In response to this, all fortuitous privileges in accordance to the provisions of PhilHealth Circular No. 0034, s.2013 is hereby extended to the Province of Northern Samar until December 31, 2017 subject to further evaluation for its subsequent extension.

In view of the foregoing, other Local Health Insurance Offices (LHIOs) in Eastern Visayas shall resume with the implementation of the regular component programs of the NHIP to facilitate the expansion and continuous coverage of members in their respective provinces or catchment areas.

Please be guided accordingly.

RAMON F. ARISTOZA, JR.
Acting President and CEO

Date Signed: 1/6/17

