



# PhilHealth, PSA forge partnership on data sharing

**T**he Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) and the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) have recently formalized a joint undertaking on data sharing of death information records.

The partnership agreement will help PhilHealth to fulfill its mandate of maintaining an accurate database of members in aid of expanding its benefit packages and improving service delivery while minimizing if not eradicating fraud in claims reimbursements all at the same time.

Under the agreement, PhilHealth shall provide PSA with electronic lists of identified members and their dependents which would then be matched with the latter's death records. The PSA will also develop a matching program called Decentralized Vital Statistics to validate the lists to be submitted by PhilHealth.

In his message at the start of the simple virtual signing ceremony, PhilHealth President

and Chief Executive Officer Atty. Dante A. Gierran said that, *"data sharing agreement also translates to data integrity that would further help PhilHealth to remain steadfast and committed to its vision, that is, "Bawat Filipino, Miyembro, Bawat Miyembro, Protektado, Kalusugan ng Lahat, Segurado."*

For his part, Undersecretary of National Statistician and Civil Registrar General Dr. Claire Dennis S. Mapa declared, *"We have been engaging in data sharing agreement with several agencies as the demand for accurate information increases. Despite the continuing challenges and constraints of the pandemic, we can still work together to improve the accuracy in our system, and extend our capacity to promote honest and integrity in public service."*

To ensure the confidentiality of data, both agencies have committed to strictly abide by the provisions of Republic Act No. 10173 or the Data Privacy Act of 2012.###

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