



foodpanda rider Angelo Sta. Maria proudly shows a mock-up of PhilHealth ID, symbolizing hope for him and to the rest of his 45,000 strong co-riders as they can proceed serving foodpanda's clients with peace of mind.

foodpanda riders now better protected with PhilHealth insurance

The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) and Food Panda Philippines Inc. (foodpanda) formalized a partnership to insure the health of some 45,000 freelance delivery riders to the National Health Insurance Program.

The partnership which was inked through a simple ceremony in Manila last April 5, 2022, aims to ensure that every delivery rider including their beneficiaries are registered with PhilHealth for hassle-free availment of benefits when medical situations arise in the family.

The event was attended by PhilHealth Formal Sector Manager Rex Paul Recoter, foodpanda Finance Director Leopoldo De Castro Jr., foodpanda Operations Director Patricia Jacinto, guest delivery rider Angelo Luis Sta. Maria and personally witnessed by Labor Secretary and PhilHealth Board Member Silvestre Bello III.

After receiving his PhilHealth Identification Number Card, Sta. Maria expressed his gratefulness for the opportunity to represent his fellow riders, stating that they needed protection the most since their job entails everyday travel in the roads, making them prone to illnesses and accidents.

He thanked PhilHealth and foodpanda, saying *"Malaking tulong siya para sa aking anak at asawa, syempre higit lalo sa akin at kapwa ko mga rider"*.

Under the partnership, the two agencies shall also make sure that foodpanda delivery riders will be adequately provided with timely information on PhilHealth benefits, availment procedures, and their rights and obligations under the program.



DOLE Secretary Silvestre Bello III

Secretary Bello, on the other hand, commended the PhilHealth and foodpanda's partnership in ensuring the health coverage of delivery riders at this time of pandemic. *"With everybody's support we would be able to meet the DOLE's vision that every Filipino worker attains full, decent and productive employment,"* he said.

(Left to Right) De Castro, Sta. Maria, Secretary Bello, PhilHealth Formal Sector Manager Rex Paul Recoter, Jacinto, and Undersecretary Atty. Benjo Santos M. Benavides during the turn over ceremony of mock-up PhilHealth ID held at Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Head Office in Intramuros, Manila. (Photo above)



📞 **Callback Channel: 0917-898-7442 (PHIC)**

Text: "PHIC callback <space> your mobile number or Metro Manila landline <space> details of your concern"

📘 **PhilHealthofficial** 🐦 **teamphilhealth**

✉️ **actioncenter@philhealth.gov.ph**