



PhilHealth secures health care of more than 10,000 Job Order employees in Region II

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Over 10,000 Job Order (JO) employees are now secured under the country's premiere health insurance program in the Cagayan Valley Region as PhilHealth Regional Office (PRO) II bolsters its partnership with Local Government Units, National Government Agencies and private institutions and businesses through its Local Health Insurance Offices (LHIOs).

Through a series of Round-Table-Discussions, the LHIOs of the cities of Tuguegarao, Ilagan, Cauayan and Santiago, as well as LHIO Solano in Nueva Vizcaya, have secured the support of various partners in the government and private sectors for the mandatory registration of their respective JO employees. This is made possible through the Group Enrollment Program wherein JOs will be able to pay their contributions and enjoy PhilHealth coverage.



Bound by a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), the campaign ensures that the health care needs of the JO employees are given importance, especially that most of them are breadwinners in their own families. This partnership aims to provide the said employees with access to quality and affordable healthcare services and adequately protected against financial risks. The said MOA also stipulates the commitment of the participating agencies or institutions to actively participate in the program and abide by existing rules and governing policies of PhilHealth.



"This is really a laudable move and an indication that employers and agencies that hire Job Order Employees have caught the vision of the Universal Health Care (UHC), wherein all Filipinos should be covered under the National Health Insurance Program (NHIP). As new UHC Ambassadors, these employers and agencies have given their entire workforce access to preventive, promotive, curative, rehabilitative, and palliative care for medical, dental, mental, and emergency health service", PRO II Regional Vice President Retired Brigadier General Llewellyn R. Binasoy said.



"We are thankful to every LGU and agency who have fulfilled their role in UHC. They have truly appreciated their part in the successful implementation of the program through their platform. Our hats off to them!", Mary Jaine G. Baybayan, Chief of Tuguegarao City LHIO added.

PhilHealth covers all Filipinos, here and abroad, to help reduce out-of-pocket spending as well as inequities in health financing during medical situations requiring hospitalization. With the UHC Law in full-swing, PhilHealth continues to work closely with more partners to ensure that its services and benefits reach as many members as possible especially those from the vulnerable sector. ###