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MEMORANDUM

TO: CHIEFS, CID AND SGOD
EDUCATION PROGRAM SUPERVISORS
HEADS, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ELEMENTARY AND
SECONDARY SCHOOLS
ALL TEACHING PERSONNEL
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

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SUBJECT: DISSEMINATION OF PHILHEALTH CIRCULAR NO. 2017-0024

DATE: November 3, 2017

This is to inform the field on PHILHEALTH Circular No. 2017-0024 re:
Adjustment in the Premium Contributions of the Employed Sector to Sustain the National Health Insurance Program (NHIP).

Attached herewith is the PHILHEALTH circular for your perusal.

Widest and immediate dissemination of this memorandum is highly expected.



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PHILHEALTH CIRCULAR
No. 2017-0024

TO : ALL MEMBERS AND EMPLOYERS UNDER THE EMPLOYED
SECTOR PROGRAM AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : Adjustment in the Premium Contributions of the Employed Sector to
Sustain the National Health Insurance Program (NHIP)

I. LEGAL BASES AND RATIONALE

As enunciated in Section 11, Article XVIII (Social Justice and Human Rights) of the Philippine Constitution and reiterated in Article 1 of Republic Act No. 7875, as amended by RA 10606 otherwise known as the National Health Insurance (NHI) Act of 2013, "It is the policy of the State to adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost and to provide free medical care to paupers. Towards this end, the State shall provide comprehensive health care services to all Filipinos through a socialized health insurance program that will prioritize the health care needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, persons with disabilities (PWDS), women and children and provide free health care services to indigents."

Section 35 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the same law states that the National Health Insurance Program (NHIP) "aims to provide its members with responsive benefit packages. In view of this, the Corporation shall continuously endeavor to improve its benefit package to meet the needs of its members."

For these reasons, PhilHealth is continuously evaluating its cost-sharing schedule to ensure that costs borne by the members are fair and equitable. Thus, Section 28 of the NHI Act of 2013 mandates that all members who can afford to pay shall contribute to the Fund in accordance with a reasonable, equitable and progressive contribution schedule based on sound actuarial studies and in accordance with existing policies that the monthly premium contributions of members in the formal economy and their employers shall not exceed five percent (5%) of the employee's basic monthly salary (Section 28[a]); and that the minimum contributions for the employed members shall not be lesser than the contributions made on behalf of indigent members (Section 28[c]).

II. OBJECTIVE

The adjustment in premium contributions to the NHIP is necessary to sustain the various enhancements to program benefits introduced in recent years and to further come up and sustain future benefits to effectively respond to the growing health care financing needs of all members.

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