

[PHILHEALTH CIRCULAR NO. 004, February 17, 2012]

**AMENDMENT TO PHILHEALTH CIRCULAR 17, S. 2011 ON THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARTIAL SUBSIDY SCHEME
PARTICULARLY THE LGU-SPONSORED PROGRAM**

I. RATIONALE

As part of the efforts to attain Universal Health Care or Kalusugang Pangkalahatan (KP), the Corporation, in accordance with the provisions of PhilHealth Board Resolution (PBR) Nos. 1571, s. 2011 and 1579, s. 2012, shall support the expansion and sustainability of existing enrollments of Local Government Units (LGUs)/Sponsors in CY 2011 under the Sponsored Program component of the National Health Insurance Program (NHIP).

Pursuant to PBR No. 1571, s. 2011, the annual premium contribution rate under the Partial Subsidy Scheme shall be increased to P2,400.00 per member effective July 1, 2012. However, the said annual premium contribution rate shall be at P1,200.00 per member: Provided, That the LGU/Sponsor signified its intention to enroll or provide health insurance coverage to its identified beneficiaries for two (2) years or up to December 31, 2013 and paid the prescribed initial premium contribution within the 1st Semester of CY 2012.

In response to the clamor of most LGUs for deferment of the implementation of the increase of premium contributions, the Corporation, through PBR No. 1579, s. 2012, extended the end of validity date for all existing enrollments of LGUs/Sponsors under the Sponsored Program from December 31, 2011 to March 31, 2012 at NO COST to the LGU/Sponsor. It also provides that in case the LGU/Sponsor would signify an intention to renew enrollment for two (2) years ending December 31, 2013, the end of validity date of their identified members shall be further extended to June 30, 2012 at NO COST to the LGU/Sponsor.

In view of the foregoing, PhilHealth Circular No. 17, s. 2011 shall be modified accordingly to include all necessary amendments in accordance with the provisions as stipulated in the above mentioned PBRs for the coverage of poor and low-income families under the Partial Subsidy Scheme.

II. OBJECTIVE

This Circular provides for the amendment to PhilHealth Circular No. 17, s. 2011 for the coverage of poor and low-income families identified by the LGU/Sponsor under the Partial Subsidy Scheme.

III. COVERAGE

This Circular covers the enrollment of poor and low-income families identified by the GU/Sponsor under the Partial Subsidy Scheme.

IV. GUIDELINES

A.Validity Period

1. The validity period in the enrolment of members under the Partial Subsidy Scheme shall follow the calendar year, e.g. health insurance coverage for one (1) year shall end December 31, 2012, health insurance coverage for two (2) years shall end December 31, 2013.

2.The health insurance coverage of existing enrollments of an LGU/Sponsor under the Sponsored Program with end of validity date of December 31, 2011 shall be extended to March 31, 2012 at NO COST to the LGU/Sponsor: Provided, That the end of validity date shall be further extended to June 30, 2012 at NO COST to the LGU/Sponsor should the latter signify its intention to enroll for two (2) years or up to December 31, 2013 by signing the amended Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and pay the prescribed initial premium contribution within the 1st Semester of CY 2012.

B.Premium Contribution Rate

The annual premium contribution under the Partial Subsidy Scheme shall be at TWO THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED PESOS (P2,400.00) per member effective July 1, 2012..

1. Existing enrollments

For those enrollments with a one (1) year validity period ending December 31, 2012,the total premium contribution required shall be at NINE HUNDRED PESOS (P900.00) per member.

For those enrollments with a two (2) year validity period ending December 31, 2013,the total premium contribution required shall be at ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED PESOS (P1,800.00) per member: Provided, That the LGU/ Sponsor has signed an amended MOA with the Corporation and has paid at least the prescribed initial premium contribution within the 1st Semester of CY 2012.

2.New or additional enrollments

For those enrolments with one (1) year validity period ending December 31, 2012, the total premium contribution required shall be at ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED PESOS (P1,200.00) per member.

For those enrolments with two (2) year validity period ending December 31, 2013, the total premium contribution required shall be at TWO THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED PESOS (P2,400.00) per member: Provided, That the LGU/ Sponsor has signed a MOA with the Corporation and has