

**[ PhilHealth Circular No. 032-2014, December 10, 2014 ]**

**CLARIFICATION IN THE APPLICATION OF QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTIONS TO ENSURE ENTITLEMENT TO PHILHEALTH BENEFITS**

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**I. RATIONALE**

Pursuant to Republic Act No.7875 as amended by R.A. 10606 otherwise known as the National Health Insurance Act of 2013, this Circular is being issued for the consistent implementation of Section 12 on the Entitlement to Benefits, to wit;

*" A member whose premium contributions for at least three (3) months have been paid within six (6) months prior to the first day of availment, including those of the dependents, shall be entitled to the benefits of the Program"*

**II. COVERAGE**

This Circular shall cover the paying PhilHealth members from the Formal Economy and Informal Economy sectors excluding the land based OFWs.

**III. PREMIUM PAYMENT REQUIRED FOR ENTITLEMENT TO BENEFITS**

1. All members mentioned in this Circular shall be entitled to PhilHealth benefits, provided that premium contribution has been paid for at least three (3) months within the six (6) months **prior to the first day of availment**. The qualifying six months is inclusive of the confinement month;
2. Payments made on admission date or during confinement period or after discharge shall NOT be counted as qualifying contributions except otherwise declared by PhilHealth.

**IV. EXEMPTIONS FOR PAYMENT DURING ADMISSION PERIOD**

The allowable deadline of payment within an applicable quarter is provided to give members longer time to pay their contribution. However, only applicable monthly payments made **prior to the first day of availment** shall be counted as compliance to the three (3) months within the six (6) months qualifying contributions for entitlement to benefits.