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PAYMENT OF PREMIUM CONTRIBUTIONS OF ACCREDITED PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS (PHCPs) WHO ARE CATEGORIZED AS INDIVIDUALLY PAYING MEMBERS

I. Rationale

Under the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the National Health Insurance Act (R.A. 7875) as amended by R.A. 9241, Section 60. Specific Accreditation Requirements and Conditions for Physicians, Section 61. Specific Accreditation Requirements and Conditions for Health Care Professionals, Item b states that *"they must be PhilHealth members with qualifying premium contributions"*.

In 2008, PhilHealth Circ. 17 s. 2008 was issued requiring professional health care providers (PHCPs) categorized as individually paying members to pay the full amount equivalent to the validity of their accreditation period upon application for accreditation.

PhilHealth Circ. 24 s. 2010 re: Implementation of the New Premium Contribution of Self-employed Professionals/Individuals under the Individually Paying Program reiterates that *"All members of the National Health Insurance Program (NHIP) shall contribute to the Fund, in accordance with a reasonable, equitable and progressive contribution schedule,"* thereby adjusting the amount of premium contributions.

To ensure that premium contributions are duly paid during the entire validity of their accreditation, this Circular is hereby issued to provide options to PHCPs on how they will pay their premium contributions.

II. Payment Schemes:

PHCPs may avail of any of the following premium payment options:

1. Full payment

Upon submission of application for accreditation, the PHCP shall pay the amount equivalent to premium contributions for 3 years or less, depending on the validity of accreditation applied for:

2. Partial Payment

Upon submission of application for accreditation, the PHCP shall pay the amount of premium contributions equivalent to the applicable quarters of the current year. Subsequent premiums shall be paid not later than