

# PhilHealth Advisory



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## APPLICATION OF SUFFICIENT REGULARITY OF PAYMENT OF PHILHEALTH PREMIUM CONTRIBUTIONS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 01, 2018

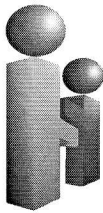
Pursuant to PhilHealth Circular No. 2017-0021, effective January 01, 2018, to become eligible to PhilHealth Benefits, members should have paid at least six (6) months contributions preceding the required three over six (3/6) months within the twelve (12) month period prior the first day of confinement

However, to ensure continuous entitlement for members and dependents shifting to the Informal Economy the following conditions must be complied:

1. Sufficient regularity of payment of premium contributions.
2. Payment of at least three (3) months premium contribution within the three (3) months grace period following the month of expiration of coverage; and
3. In case of confinement within the grace period, payment of at least (3) months premium contributions prior to hospital discharge.

Newly-enrolled members whose membership to NHIP cover less than nine (9) months reckoned from initial date of registration shall only be required payment of at least three (3) months within six (6) months prior the first day of confinement and may avail of the benefits without compliance to sufficient regularity of premium payment.

  
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**BRIEFER ON THE APPLICATION OF SUFFICIENT REGULARITY OF  
PAYMENT OF PREMIUM CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE REQUIRED  
QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ELIGIBILITY OF PHILHEALTH  
BENEFITS**

**I. DEFINITION OF SUFFICIENT REGULARITY (PBR No. 2097 s.2016)**

The definition of sufficient regularity is “*payment of premium contribution at least six (6) months preceding the three (3) months qualifying contributions within the immediate twelve (12) month period prior the first day of confinement*”.

**II. ELIGIBILITY TO AVAIL OF PHILHEALTH BENEFITS**

To become eligible to PhilHealth Benefits, members should have paid at least a total of nine (9) months premium contribution within the immediate twelve (12) month-period prior the first day of confinement. The 12 month period includes the month of confinement.

**III. ILLUSTRATIONS:**

**Example 1:**

Confinement Date : February 3, 2018

Payment Date : February 2, 2018

Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Remarks
√		√	√	√		√	√	√		√	√	Eligible

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			√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	Eligible

**IV. SPECIAL PROVISIONS:**

a.) Newly-enrolled members whose membership to NHIP covers less than (9) months reckoned from the initial date of registration shall only be required payment of at least three (3) months within six (6) months premium contribution prior to the first day of confinement.

b.) For members and dependents shifting to the Informal Economy with sufficient regularity of payment, to avail must have paid at least three (3) months premium contribution within a three (3) month grace period following the month of expiration of coverage. In case of confinement within grace period, payment of at least three (3) months contribution prior hospital discharge.