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CIRCULAR LETTER

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TO : All Heads of Departments, Agencies, Bureaus and Offices of the National Government, including State Universities and Colleges (SUCs), Constitutional Offices, Government-Owned or Controlled Corporations (GOCCs) and Government Financial Institutions (GFIs); Local Government Units (LGUs); and all Others Concerned

SUBJECT : Clarification Relative to Applicability of the Prescribed Health Insurance Premium (HIP) Contributions to the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) Effective FY 2017 Pursuant to Circular Letter (CL) No. 2017-3 dated January 3, 2017

- 1.0 This Circular is issued to clarify the applicability of the premium rates prescribed under CL No. 2017-3 for the employer (government)/employee share in the HIP contributions of National Government Agencies (NGAs) including SUCs, Constitutional Offices, GOCCs, GFIs and LGUs, while taking into consideration the PhilHealth cash flow position.
- 2.0 Relative thereto, the following application of CL No. 2017-3 shall be observed:
 - 2.1 GOCCs that are not recipients of budgetary support from the government, either in the form of subsidy or equity, and which are already adopting the latest prescribed PhilHealth premium rates, shall not be required to adopt the rates prescribed under the subject CL No. 2017-3;
 - 2.2 Likewise, LGUs already paying the latest prescribed rates of PhilHealth, for employer/employee shares or for employer share only, are encouraged to continue paying these latest premium rates prescribed by PhilHealth;
 - 2.3 NGAs and fully-subsidized GOCCs shall comply with the rates prescribed under CL No. 2017-3, regardless of whether they have previously been paying premium rates higher than the prescribed rates of the subject CL.
- 3.0 All other provisions of CL No. 2017-3 dated January 3, 2017 not modified by this CL shall remain in force.
- 4.0 This Circular shall take effect immediately.


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