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**MEMORANDUM FROM THE DIRECTOR**

**To : ALL DA-BAR Contract of Service (COS) Employees**

**Subject : Membership and Payment of Contributions to Philhealth**

Pursuant to Philhealth Circular No. 2017-008 , directly-hired Job Orders(JOs), Project-Based Contractors (PBCs) and the like in the government have been classified as members of the informal economy and shall pay premium contribution of 3% of actual income. This amount is under an interim arrangement until Congress is able to pass a new law deferring the original adjustment under the Universal Health Care Act of 2019. Under same circular, government employers have been authorized to withhold and remit their full premium contributions under the Group Enrolment Scheme. To institutionalize and implement same in the Bureau requires submission of a Letter of Commitment (LOC) and signing of a Memorandum of Agreement between BAR and PHILHEALTH.

To facilitate matters, all concerned COS employees shall complete their submission of required documents to the HRMU for inclusion in the enrolment scheme. Effective July 01, 2021, all concerned must have registered under the program and payment of contributions conducted accordingly.

Please coordinate with the HRMU to ensure compliance. Qualified COS employee-dependents and lifetime members shall also submit their documents to the HRMU for reference and record purposes.

For information, guidance and compliance of all concerned.

  
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