

**BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**PROCLAMATION NO. 743**

**DECLARING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2005 AS THE "NATIONAL  
HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM MONTH"**

**WHEREAS**, many of our less privileged countrymen do not seek medical assistance in hospitals even under the most trying times because they cannot afford the exorbitant cost of health care;

**WHEREAS**, through the National Health Insurance Program (NHIP), more than 30 million indigent Filipinos were granted access to quality health care services;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to further expand the coverage of the NHIP to bring the benefits to even more Filipinos, particularly in the countryside;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth), the government corporation that spearheads the full implementation of this health care program, continues to exert all efforts to make its services accessible;

**WHEREAS**, the PhilHealth needs all the support it can get to push the program farther, especially as it celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> year on February 14, 2005.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the month of February 2005 as the **National Health Insurance Program Month**.

Active multi-sector involvement is hereby urged to ensure the success of this campaign, primarily from the following agencies, organizations and their heads:

1. Local Government Units – to primarily undertake the enrolment of indigent families in their own locality to the Sponsored Program.



2. Department of Health – to actively support the campaign in all aspects as required in attaining its over-all objective.
3. Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) – to lead the implementation of the campaign by (a) mobilizing essential personnel; (b) undertaking intensive information, education and communication (IEC), and marketing activities; (c) formulating and disseminating all the necessary detailed guidelines and procedures on various components of the campaign; (d) encouraging associations, charitable institutions, cooperatives, private non-profit health insurance organizations/associations or individuals to mobilize funds for the enrollment of as many persons who cannot afford to pay premium contribution; and (e) coordinating all national and regional activities pertaining to the campaign. As lead agency, PhilHealth may call on the assistance of other government and non-government agency, civic and religious groups, industrial establishments, and concerned sectors to achieve the over-all goals of the campaign and ensure its success.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

*John Arroyo*



By the President:

*Eduardo R. Ermita*

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Executive Secretary

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