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### CY 2020 Accomplishment Report of the Benefits Committee

At the start of the year, the Benefits Committee elected DOLE Usec. Benjo Santos Benavidez as the Chairperson of the Committee. The Committee tackled issues on the communication plan and strategy in the implementation of Universal Health Care and prepared for the transition to the Diagnostic-Related Groups-Based Global Budget. It also supported the proposal for the development of PhilHealth benefits to address malnutrition for children under 5 years old. On March 2020, in response to the World Health Organization declaration of 2019 nCov as Public Health Emergency and President Rodrigo Roa Duterte's Proclamation No. 922 declaring a state of Public Health Emergency, the Benefits Committee recommended the following measures:

- Development of the Covid 19 community isolation benefit package (maximum of P22,449.00 per claim);
- Development of benefit packages for testing SARS Cov2 amounting to P8,150.00 (if all services for the testing are procured and provided by the testing laboratory); and P5,450.00 (if test kits are donated to the testing laboratory);
- Coverage for inpatient management of probable and confirmed Covid 19 developing severe illness and outcomes. It recommended the amount of Php 43,997.00 for mild pneumonia; P143,267.00 for moderate pneumonia, P333,519.00 for severe pneumonia and P 786,384.00 for critical pneumonia;
- Establishment of the Covid 19 Expert Panel and Management Team within PhilHealth, composed of health financing and system experts, health economists, public health experts, epidemiologists and clinicians, who will regularly review the inpatient benefit package for Covid-19 using the data sent through online platform from the different hospitals;
- Revised the SARS Cov2 testing package from P8,150.00 to P3,409.00 (if all services and supplies for the testing are procured by the testing laboratory); P2,077.00 (if test kits are donated to the testing laboratory) in response to the marked reduction of cost in the market;
- Approved the SARS Cov 2 testing using the Cartridge-based PCR test (GeneXpert);
- Reviewed the overall preparations for the transition of All Case Rates to the Diagnosis – related Groups;
- Endorsed the existing anti-fraud measures and system development related to Medical Prepayment Review and Health Care Provider-Performance Assessment System, full electronic submission of Claim Form 4 and strengthen the gatekeeping through primary care;
- Endorsed the amendment of the PBR that will reimburse only confirmed cases of Covid-19 and recommended for the creation of a separate package for intermediate cases initially suspected and managed as Covid 19 patients.

Indeed, CY 2020 was not only a challenging year for the Benefits Committee as it was able to meet and hold regular Committee meetings seven (7) times during the year (please see Annex A), but also an opportunity to develop meaningful benefit packages to become more responsive to the demands of the Covid-19 pandemic.





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ANNEX A

Attendance of BenCom Members  
 From January-December 2020

Benefits Committee Members	Jan-21	Feb-27	Mar-30	May-27	Jul-21	Oct-07	Nov-25
1.Usec. Atty. Benjo Santos M. Benavidez (Chairperson) (DOLE)*****	NA	√	√	√	√	√	√
2.Usec. Dr. Lilibeth David (DOH)***	√	√	x	x	x	√	√
3. PCEO BGen. Ricardo C. Morales, AFP (Ret)**** (Indirect Contributors Sector)	x	√	√	√	√	NA	NA
4.Usec. Atty. Jacinto V. Paras (DOLE)*****	√	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
5.Dr. Jason Roland Valdez* (Direct Contributors Sector)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	√	√
6.Dr. Ma. Graciela G. Gonzaga, Msc. (Expert Panel)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
7.BGen. Marlene R. Padua, AFP (Ret) (Health care providers sector)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
8. Dr. Susan P. Mercado (Expert Panel)**	√	√	√	√	NA	NA	NA

Legend:

√ =Present

x =Absent

NA= Not applicable because BM is not yet a Member or has already resigned as a BM

\* Started as a Member on Oct 7, 2020 up to present

\*\*Started as a Member on Jan. 21, 2020 until July 21, 2020 when she resigned as BM

\*\*\*Former Chairperson of the Committee starting CY 2019 up to Feb. 27, 2020. Still a member up to present

\*\*\*\* Started as a Member on Dec. 2019 until Oct 7, 2020 when he resigned as PCEO and BM

\*\*\*\*\*Started as a Member since 2019 until Feb 27, 2020 when he was replaced by DOLE Usec. Benjo Benavidez as Ex-Officio Member

\*\*\*\*\*Started as a Member on Feb 27, 2020 and became the Chairperson of the Committee starting Feb. 27, 2020 up to present

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