

PhilHealth Advisory

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Reimbursement Limit for Newborn Screening Tests Revised

Please be advised of the following amendments to the reimbursement limit for newborn screening tests per Circular No. 29 s-2009:

1. Members availing of newborn screening tests for their babies through the Newborn Care Package or NCP shall only pay the maximum of **P100** after deducting the P500 PhilHealth allowance for the said procedure;
2. The NCP should also include *eye prophylaxis, umbilical cord care, Vitamin K, thermal care, BCG and Hepatitis B immunization*. Partial provision of these services will cause non-payment of claims on the part of the providers;
3. To help achieve 85% newborn screening coverage by 2010, all newborns delivered in PhilHealth-accredited facilities should undergo newborn screening tests including sick babies not covered by the NCP;
4. Sick newborns shall be compensated under the regular inpatient benefit. Maximum payment for newborn screening test is P600 including service fee and shall be charged under the benefits for X-ray, laboratory, supplies and others (*e.g. P3,200 for case type A in tertiary hospital*);
5. Facilities refusing to provide newborn screening and/or collect more than the maximum allowable newborn screening fee shall be acted upon by the DOH and PhilHealth's Legal Services Sector.

Circular 29 s-2009 amends Circulars 34, s-2006; 20, s-2007 and 07, s-2009 and shall take effect on all claims with admission dates starting September 1, 2009.