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## PhilHealth to Adopt LOINC in its eClaims System

The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation is adopting the Logical Observations, Identifiers, Names and Codes (LOINC) for use in its electronic claims system. LOINC is produced and managed by the Regenstrief Institute, Indianapolis, Indiana and is used for consistently coding common clinical and laboratory events that occur in the healthcare setting.

LOINC was selected because of its popularity and no-cost licensing. *“Health informatics standards are important building blocks for an integrated national health information system. The earlier we prepare our stakeholders on what these standards are and how to use them, the sooner we will achieve automation and efficiency,”* according to Dr. Alvin Marcelo, Chief Information Officer.

*“In our efforts to automate our core processes, we have found the need to use internationally accepted standards for common data elements in our claims system. LOINC is an important standard which we can quickly leverage at no cost to PhilHealth and to hospitals but will dramatically improve our ability to exchange data with each other. This is our first step towards energizing the health informatics community in the country and delighting our stakeholders,”* says PCEO Dr. Eduardo P. Banzon.

PhilHealth is preparing for the deployment of paperless electronic claims processing system. Releasing these standards are part of the preparations for eClaims with the objective of paying Health Care Providers faster.

LOINC can be downloaded for free at [www.loinc.org](http://www.loinc.org). Another free software, RELMA, helps users browse the LOINC database.

  
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