

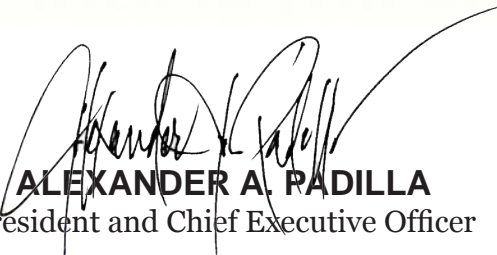
PhilHealth Releases ZBITS Modules as Open Source

The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation is releasing the full source code for the Z Benefit Information Tracking System (ZBITS) for use by anyone interested in extending the system for their own needs.

“Z benefits” is the name given to the set of special benefits developed by PhilHealth for selected cases which have been conventionally considered as catastrophic. For now, ZBITS can handle data requirements for breast cancer, renal transplant, prostate cancer, and acute lymphocytic leukemia.

The ZBITS project is an electronic medical record built on the free and open source, Open Medical Records Systems (OpenMRS), an EMR developed by Harvard and Partners in health. ZBITS contains the mandatory data elements for claiming for Z benefits. The goal of ZBITS is to serve as reference for institutional healthcare providers (IHCPs) and IT vendors on how to translate the required data reporting for Z benefits in electronic format. IHCPs may or may not use ZBITS especially if they have their own existing EMRs. Due to its open source nature, ZBITS can be used by any entity for any purpose they see fit including but not limited to out-patient clinic management.

The full source code of ZBITS is accessible at bit.ly/zbits which links to the github repository.



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