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CLARIFICATION ON ADMISSIONS BEYOND ACCREDITED BED CAPACITY DUE TO DENGUE OUTBREAK

In view of the issuance of the National Dengue Epidemic on August 6, 2019 by Health Secretary and PhilHealth Chairperson of the Board Dr. Francisco T. Duque III, hospitals in affected regions admitting dengue patients beyond their accredited bed capacity shall be required a written explanation supported by a certification from DOH and/ or Center for Health Development for disease epidemics/ endemic areas for their claims to be processed.

This is in accordance to PhilHealth Circular No. 2018-0019 re: Health Care Provider Performance Assessment System (HCP PAS) Revision 2, Part V Item G which states that:

“In case of admission beyond bed capacity, a written explanation from the Health Care Institution or Local Chief Executive shall be supported by the following:

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3. Certification from the Department of Health and/ or Center for Health Development for disease epidemics/ endemic areas.”

The declaration of a National Dengue Epidemic by Secretary Duque shall be sufficient basis as justification for admissions beyond accredited bed capacity. However, the concerned Health Care Institutions (HCIs) shall still be subjected to the usual monitoring and validation activities of PhilHealth. It shall only apply to HCIs whose majority of admissions are dengue cases, and shall last only during the duration of the National Dengue Epidemic. Upon declaration by DOH that dengue cases have decreased to a manageable level, justifications using the National Dengue Epidemic as basis shall no longer be applicable.

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