

## Extension of Validity of Approved Pre-Authorization Applications for the Z Benefits and the Outpatient Benefit for the Secondary Prevention of Rheumatic Fever/Rheumatic Heart Disease

The declaration of the national state of calamity prompted health care institutions to prioritize COVID-19 cases and adjust their routine operations in terms of patient care. Consultations for non-emergency cases and performance of elective procedures were put on hold, including scheduled surgeries and provision of other services.

In the context of providing timely provision of services to patients while minimizing access to benefit packages brought about by COVID-19 pandemic, PhilHealth extends the validity of all pre-authorization applications that were approved from March 17, 2020 to September 12, 2021, in accordance with Proclamation No. 1021 extending the state of calamity throughout the Philippines. The corresponding extended validity per benefit package is listed in Annex A.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

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### Annex "A"

Z / Outpatient benefits	Extended validity of applications for preauthorization that were approved beginning March 17, 2020
1. Acute lymphocytic leukemia	120 calendar days
2. Breast cancer	
a. Surgery	150 calendar days
b. neo-adjuvant chemotherapy	74 calendar days
3. Prostate cancer	No extension recommended
4. Kidney transplantation	270 calendar days
5. Coronary artery bypass graft surgery	360 calendar days
6. Tetralogy of Fallot	360 calendar days
7. Ventricular septal defect	360 calendar days
8. Cervical cancer	180 calendar days
9. PD First Z Benefits	90 calendar days
10. Selected orthopedic implants	No extension recommended
11. Colon and rectum cancers	120 calendar days
12. Z Benefits for mobility, orthosis, rehabilitation, prosthesis help (ZMORPH)	No extension recommended
13. Expanded ZMORPH	No extension recommended
14. Children with disabilities	
a. developmental disability	1 fiscal year plus 180 calendar days
b. mobility impairment	No extension recommended
c. hearing impairment	1 fiscal year plus 180 calendar days
d. visual disabilities	270 calendar days
15. Outpatient benefit package for the secondary prevention of RF/RHD	1 fiscal year plus 180 calendar days