



## Coverage of COVID-19 Inpatient Benefit Packages for Confirmed Cases Only

The COVID-19 pandemic remains to be an evolving situation which calls for the periodic review and revision of PhilHealth's benefit package. Considering that RT-PCR test had been more accessible nationwide and that other several factors affect the implementation of PhilHealth's coverage, the Corporation amended the benefit package for the inpatient management of COVID-19 to cover only confirmed cases, to efficiently implement the National Health Insurance Program.

In view of the foregoing, please be advised of the following:

1. Only claims for **CONFIRMED COVID-19** cases based on a **positive COVID-19 swab test results (RT-PCR)** shall be covered by the existing Inpatient COVID-19 Package using Package Codes C19P1, C19P2, C19P3, and C19P4. Covid-19 cases confirmed through a positive antibody test result shall likewise be considered, provided that its use as an adjunct confirmatory test is in accordance with relevant guidelines. The antibody test per se, however, is not yet compensable by PhilHealth if claimed under the testing package.
2. Cases that were initially managed as COVID-19 but with a negative swab (RT-PCR) test result shall be reimbursed with an intermediate package.

These amendments shall be applicable retrospectively for admissions **starting November 26, 2020 and onwards**. Healthcare facilities may file for appeals or reconsideration for affected claims based on existing guidelines.

A PhilHealth Circular will be issued this month to effect these amendments.

Further inquiries may be referred to the PhilHealth Call Center at (02) 8441-7442 or through any of the PhilHealth Regional and Local Health Insurance Offices.

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