



The COVID-19 Vaccine Injury Compensation Package and the Benefits under the National Health Insurance Program

The COVID-19 Vaccination Program Act of 2021 (Republic Act No. 11525) established the COVID-19 National Vaccine Indemnity Fund with PhilHealth as the administrator. The Fund would compensate persons inoculated through the National COVID-19 Vaccination Program in case of death, permanent disability, and hospital confinement for serious adverse effects. The COVID-19 Vaccine Injury Compensation Package, as stated in PhilHealth Circular (PC) No. 2021-0007, is on top of the National Health Insurance Program (NHIP) benefits.

Under the NHIP, all Filipinos including those who will claim for the vaccine injury compensation are eligible for PhilHealth benefits. For hospital confinement, the inpatient benefits shall be based on the applicable case rates. It shall be deducted from the hospital bill and shall be claimed by the hospitals through the usual process and procedures.

Meanwhile, hospitalizations due to vaccine product-related or vaccine quality defect-related reactions are compensable under the COVID-19 Vaccine Injury Compensation Package which shall be filed directly by the claimants or their beneficiary at the nearest PhilHealth office and must be processed separately from inpatient benefits based on the guidelines defined in PC No. 2021-0007. The list of documentary requirements may be viewed from the PhilHealth website: www.philhealth.gov.ph/circulars/2021/circ2021-0007.pdf.

Further inquiries may be coursed through PhilHealth Callback Channel: 0921-630-0009 or any of the PhilHealth Regional and Local Health Insurance Offices.

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