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Implementation of Revised Price Caps for SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR Test and Test Kits (DOH Department Circular No. 2021-0374)

The Department of Health (DOH) issued the Department Circular No. 2021-0374 establishing the new price caps for public and private health facilities for plate-based and cartridge-based COVID-19 RT-PCR tests which became effective last September 6, 2021.

Thus, all PhilHealth-accredited COVID-19 testing facilities must comply with the prescribed price ceilings as stipulated in the DOH Department Circular No. 2021-0374. The price shall not exceed the prescribed rates for purposes of claims charged to PhilHealth. A PhilHealth circular shall be issued within the month to implement the said policy.

Executive Order No. 118 s. 2020 authorizes the DOH and the Department of Trade and Industry to implement a price range for COVID-19 Reverse Transcription-Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) Testing conducted by hospitals, laboratories, and other health establishments and facilities, in order to ensure the protection of Filipinos from undue financial risk when availing of these essential health services.

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

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