

Philippine Health Insurance Corporation

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PhilHealth's coverage of probable COVID-19 pneumonia cases under COVID-19 inpatient benefit packages and the no co-payment policy

PhilHealth has extended the coverage of probable COVID-19 pneumonia cases with inpatient COVID-19 benefit packages admitted from November 26, 2020 to June 18, 2021. Thereafter, the said benefit packages shall only be applied to confirmed COVID-19 pneumonia as provided in PhilHealth Circular No. 2021-0020.

Also, upon implementation of PhilHealth Circular No. 2021-0012 starting August 22, 2021, the no co-payment policy that is in effect is the No Balance Billing (NBB) policy provided in PhilHealth Circular No. 2017-0017. This policy also applies to COVID-19 inpatient benefit packages. Under this policy, no other fees or expenses shall be charged to indigents, sponsored, Kasambahay, senior citizens and lifetime members while they avail of health services for applicable PhilHealth benefits in accredited government institutions. Qualified NBB patients who are admitted in ward type accommodations are covered by NBB policy. Meanwhile, private health care institutions may participate voluntarily subject to the existing rules provided in PhilHealth Circular No. 2017-0017.

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

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