

# Clarification on PhilHealth Circular No. 2024-0014 “Institutionalization of 156 Hemodialysis Sessions and Coverage Expansion (Revision 1)”

We would like to inform all PhilHealth Regional Offices (PRO), accredited hemodialysis (HD) facilities, healthcare providers, beneficiaries, and all others concerned that PhilHealth provides coverage for hemodialysis treatment sessions required by patients with chronic kidney disease stage 5 for the services listed in Table 2 of Section V.F. of PhilHealth Circular (PC) No. 2024-0014. PhilHealth reiterates that the provision of these services will depend on the patient’s status based on the healthcare provider’s clinical assessment, and that these services are not intended to be provided per patient’s demand. Therefore, patients will only receive services that are clinically indicated and necessary for a given treatment session.

Further, PhilHealth will only cover services under Section V.F of PC No. 2024-0014 (Table 2: Minimum Standards of Hemodialysis Benefits Package) and shall be subject to the policy’s no copay provision, as reiterated in Annex A of this Advisory. With this, PhilHealth requests concerned stakeholders to provide their data to facilitate the policy review.

PhilHealth is committed to providing quality healthcare and will disseminate a separate quality policy on hemodialysis standards to properly guide PROs, healthcare providers, patients, stakeholders, and all others concerned.

For any further inquiries or assistance, please contact the PhilHealth Corporate Action Center Hotline at (02) 8662-2588 or email [actioncenter@philhealth.gov.ph](mailto:actioncenter@philhealth.gov.ph). We are here to support and address your concerns.

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**Annex A**

**Reference: Section V.F. of PhilHealth Circular No. 2024-0014**  
 (Table 2: Minimum Standards of Hemodialysis Benefits Package)

HD Package Inclusions	Minimum Standards
Drugs/Medicines	Any of the following preparations of Erythropoietin listed in the latest edition of the Philippine National Formulary (PNF), as indicated: 1. 4,000 units/vial 2. 5,000 units/vial 3. 10,000 units/vial
	Iron Sucrose IV, as indicated
	Heparin OR Enoxaparin, as needed
Laboratory Tests	Any or all, as needed: 1. Complete Blood Count (CBC) 2. Serum Creatinine 3. Hepatitis Profile 4. Alkaline Phosphatase 5. Potassium, Phosphorus, Calcium 6. Serum Iron/Ferritin/Transferrin 7. Total Iron Binding Capacity (TIBC) 8. Albumin
Supplies	Either of the following types of dialyzers, as needed: 1. Low-Flux 2. High-Flux
Administrative and Other Fees	Use of HD machines, utilities, staff time