



## **Clarification on PhilHealth Circular 2025-0001: “Benefits Package for Extracapsular Cataract Extraction with Insertion of Intraocular Lens (IOL)”**

PhilHealth informs all PhilHealth Regional Offices (PROs), accredited healthcare providers, beneficiaries, and all others concerned that claims for cataract procedure, with best corrected visual acuity (BCVA) report dated from day one (1) up to day 14 post-cataract surgery, are acceptable and shall be processed.

All accredited health facilities should include the type of intraocular lens (IOL) with the corresponding amount on the Statement of Account (SOA) following PhilHealth Circular 2023-0026, “Electronic Data Submission of the Statement of Account for All Case Rates Claims and Identified PhilHealth Benefits (Revision 1).” The Philippine Food and Drug Administration (FDA) provides information on the updated list of registered IOLs, accessible from its verification portal at <https://verification.fda.gov.ph/Home.php>.

The distribution for the health facility and professional fees for the cataract procedure case rate shall follow PhilHealth Circular 35, s. 2013, “Implementing Guidelines on Medical and Procedure Case Rates.”

A separate policy on Cataract benefit package implementation to reflect the contents of this advisory shall be issued accordingly.

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