

Clarification on Settings-based and Community-based YAKAP Activities

In line with PhilHealth Circular (PC) No. 2025-0017, this is to guide all YAKAP providers on the conduct of settings-based and community-based empanelment activities under the Yaman ng Kalusugan Program (YAKAP).

For both settings-based and out-of-facility or community-based empanelment activities, coordination shall be undertaken as follows:

- If the activity is conducted within the same region of the YAKAP Clinic, the Head of the Entity or Institution, or a duly authorized representative (for settings-based activities), and the YAKAP Provider (for community-based activities) shall coordinate with the Local Health Insurance Office (LHIO) partner of the YAKAP Clinic.
- If the activity is conducted outside the region of the YAKAP Clinic, coordination shall be made with the concerned PhilHealth Regional Office (PRO).

A. Settings-Based Empanelment

The conducting entity shall ensure the availability of a pre-validated list of beneficiaries with valid PhilHealth Identification Numbers (PINs). The required documentary requirements are provided under PhilHealth Circular (PC) No. 2025-0017. Coordination with the LHIO is intended to facilitate membership validation.

B. Community-Based (Out-of-Facility) Empanelment

Community-based empanelment activities are intended for Geographically Isolated and Disadvantaged Areas (GIDAs) or communities with limited access to primary care services. These activities may be conducted in partnership with a Primary Care Clinic under the following circumstances:

- There is no YAKAP Clinic within a 30-kilometer radius; or
- Access to a YAKAP Clinic is impractical, including but not limited to urban settings involving cross-city service areas.

For any activity, continuity of care must be ensured. The PhilHealth Check Utility (PCU) and the YAKAP Empanelment Slip (YES) shall be accomplished during empanelment. YAKAP Clinics conducting or partnering in these activities commit to providing sustained and continuous primary care to the members they enlist, including appropriate follow-up and referral when necessary.

Due to the foregoing, the conduct of settings-based or community-based empanelment activities does not require approval from the Local Chief Executive (LCE), Local Government Unit (LGU), or City/Municipal Health Officer, consistent with the principle of patient choice and access to care under the Universal Health Care Act.

Further inquiries and need for assistance may be referred to our 24/7 Corporate Action Center at (02) 866-225-88, Text Line for Smart subscribers 0998-857-2957/0968-865-4670 and for Globe subscribers 0917-127-5987/0917-110-9812, or at actioncenter@philhealth.gov.ph

For your information and guidance.

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