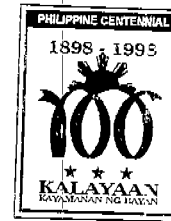


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PHILHEALTH CIRCULAR

No. 001, series of 2000

TO All Members of the National Health Insurance Program, Private Sector Employers, Accredited Professional and Institutional Health Care Providers, Regional Health Insurance Offices and All Concerned

SUBJECT Additional Provisions to Circular No. 71, series of 1999

In line with the recent revisions made on the on the current Contribution Payment Return forms as provided for in PhilHealth Circular No. 78, series of 2000, the following guidelines are hereby made for all concerned for purposes of availing the Medicare benefits:

FOR CURRENTLY EMPLOYED MEMBERS:

Duly validated ME-5 (*revised Contribution Payment Return Form for Employers*) and a copy of RF-1 (*Quarterly Remittance Report*) may be used as proof of employer's remittance **in case item #22 of PhilHealth Form 1 is not properly signed by the employer.**

We further reiterate, however, that duly accomplished PhilHealth Form 1 is already sufficient in availing of the automatic deduction of the benefits.

FOR INDIVIDUALLY PAYING MEMBERS (*self employed, voluntary and OFWs*):

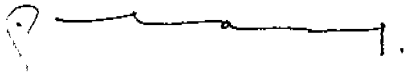
Duly validated MI-5 (*revised*) may also be attached as proof of contributions to the NHIP.

FOR INDIGENT MEMBERS:

The PhilHealth Membership Identification card bearing the date of validity should be presented by the Indigent member/beneficiary. The corresponding number in the said card should be indicated on the claim forms being filed. Furthermore, hospital representatives are requested to assist the member in accomplishing the PhilHealth Form 1.

Other provisions of Circulars 46, 46-A, 46-B, 69 and 71 consistent with this circular are still in full force and effect.

Please be guided accordingly.


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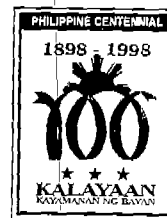
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SUBJECT New Benefit Schedule for Indigent Members

PLEASE be informed that in view of the recent equalization of medical care benefits for government and private sector employees and their dependents, the benefit schedule for indigent sector members has also been upgraded to the same level to ensure that all members of the National Health Insurance Program (NHIP) enjoy one Medicare benefit package. Following is the latest schedule of benefits for ALL members:

UNIFIED BENEFIT SCHEDULE

For Government, Indigent and Private Sector Members,
including OWWA and Individually Paying Members and their Dependents

BENEFIT ITEMS	PRIMARY	SECONDARY	TERTIARY
ROOM AND BOARD <i>(not exceeding 45 days for each member & another 45 days to be shared by his dependents)</i>	120	220	345
DRUGS & MEDICINES <i>(per single period of confinement)</i>			
Ordinary	1,165	1,595	2,670
Intensive	2,430	3,280	7,660
Catastrophic	0	6,575	11,885
X-RAY, LAB, ETC. <i>(per single period of confinement)</i>			
Ordinary	305	760	1,625
Intensive	590	1,680	3,405
Catastrophic	0	3,405	9,810
PROFESSIONAL FEES <i>(per single period of confinement shall not exceed:)</i>	P105/day for General Practitioner P150/day for Specialist		
<i>Ordinary</i>			
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Specialist	810	810	810
<i>Intensive/Catastrophic</i>			
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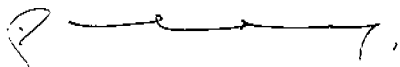
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OTHERS				
Hospital (OR)				
a. RUV 5 & Below		385	670	1,060
b. RUV 5.1 to 10		0	1,140	1,350
c. RUV Above 10		0	2,160	3,490
SURGEON		Maximum of 15,930 @ 420/Relative Unit Value		
ANESTHESIOLOGIST		Maximum of 4,785 @ 420/Relative Unit Value		
Outpatient Benefits				
Chemotherapy		Radiotherapy		Hemodialysis
Cataract extraction		Minor surgical procedure		
SURGICAL FAMILY PLANNING PROCEDURE				
Vasectomy		900	900	900
Tubal Ligation		1,125	1,125	1,125

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