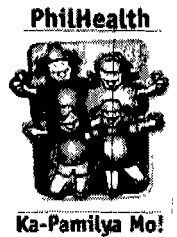




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PHILHEALTH CIRCULAR

No. 34, s-2003

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TO : ALL ACCREDITED HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, CLAIMS PROCESSING DEPARTMENTS - NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION AND PHILHEALTH REGIONAL OFFICES (PROs), AND ALL CONCERNED

SUBJECT : Reimbursement of claims for drugs listed in the PNDF Vol. 1 6th edition and PhilHealth List of Reimbursable Drugs (Positive List)

The National Formulary Committee of the Department of Health has released the official list of drugs under Section 3.0 Anti-infectives, Section 5.0 Cardiovascular drugs and Section 6.0 Diuretics, of the Philippine National Drug Formulary (PNDF) Vol. 1 6th edition, as approved by the Secretary of Health.

Pursuant to Section 37 of Republic Act 7875 and PhilHealth Board Resolution No. 265 s. 1999 which provides for the use of the latest edition of the PNDF for reimbursement, the said list of drugs shall be implemented as follows:

1. New drugs and drug preparations that are now included in Sections 3.0, 5.0 and 6.0 of the PNDF, Vol. 1 6th edition (Annex 1), **shall be compensable for claims with admission dates starting November 1, 2003.**
2. To give a reasonable time for adjustment on the non - reimbursability of delisted drugs and drug preparations in the latest edition of the PNDF (Annex 2) as well as drugs in the Positive List indicated for hypertension, urinary tract infection and pneumonia which are recommended in the adopted Clinical Practice Guidelines as stated in PhilHealth Circular No. 35, s. 2002 (Annex 3), they **shall continue to be compensated until December 31, 2003.**

Claims for these delisted (Annex 2) and Positive List (Annex 3) drugs with admission dates starting January 1, 2004 shall NO longer be compensable.

All other provisions consistent with this circular remain in full force and effect.

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President and CEO

ANNEX 1

New Drugs and Drug Preparations Included in the PNDP Vol. 1 6th Edition

GENERIC NAME	ROUTE	PREPARATION
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A. ADDITIONAL COMPENSABLE DRUGS (by November 1, 2003)

Section 3.0 ANTI-INFECTIVES

<i>Artemether + Lumefantrin</i>	Oral:	20 mg artemether + 120 mg lumefantrin tablet
<i>Didanoside</i>	Oral:	250 mg delayed release capsule 200 mg chewable and dispersible tablet
<i>Gatifloxacin</i>	Oral: Inj.:	400 mg tablet 10 mg/mL, 40 mL vial (IV)
<i>Isoniazid + Thiacetazone</i>	Oral:	300 mg + 150 mg tablet
<i>Nelfinavir</i>	Oral:	250 mg film coated tablet (as mesilate) 250 mg tablet (as mesilate) 50 mg/scoop (1g) powder, 144 g bottle to be mixed with water, milk or food (as mesilate)
<i>Nevirapine</i>	Oral:	200 mg tablet 50 mg/5 mL suspension, 240 mL
<i>Oseltamivir</i>	Oral:	75 mg capsule (as phosphate)
<i>Pyrimethamine</i>	Oral:	25 mg tablet
<i>Rifabutin</i>	Oral:	150 mg capsule (restricted for HIV/AIDS patients on concomitant protease inhibitor therapy. In lieu of rifampicin)
<i>Stavudine</i>	Oral:	20 mg, 30 mg and 40 mg capsule

Section 5.0 CARDIOVASCULAR DRUGS

<i>Adenosine (1,2)</i>	Inj.	3mg/mL, 2 mL vial (IV) (for SVT)
<i>Bisoprolol</i>	Oral	2.5 mg and 5 mg tablet (as fumarate)
<i>Clopidogrel</i>	Oral	75 mg tablet
<i>Enalapril + Hydrochlorothiazide</i>	Oral	20 mg enalapril + 12.5 mg hydrochlorothiazide tablet
<i>Fenofibrate</i>	Oral	67 mg, 100 mg and 200 mg capsule
<i>Irbesartan + Hydrochlorothiazide</i>	Oral	150 mg irbesartan + 12.5 mg hydrochlorothiazide tablet 300 mg irbesartan + 12.5 mg hydrochlorothiazide tablet
<i>Losartan + Hydrochlorothiazide</i>	Oral	50 mg losartan + 12.5 mg hydrochlorothiazide tablet 100 mg losartan + 25 mg hydrochlorothiazide tablet
<i>Morphine</i>	Inj. Inj.	10 mg/mL, 1 mL ampul (IM, IV, SC) (as sulfate) 15 mg/mL, 1 mL ampul (IM, IV, SC) (as sulfate)
<i>Norepinephrine</i>	Inj.	1 mg/mL, 2 mL ampul (IV infusion) (as bitartrate)
<i>Recombinant tissue plasminogen activator</i>	Inj.	1 mg/mL 50 mL vial IV infusion
<i>Sodium Nitroprusside</i>	Inj.	50 mg powder ampul (IV Infusion)
<i>Tirofiban</i>	Inj.	250 mcg/mL concentrated solution for dilution for IV infusion 50 mL (as hydrochloride)

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GENERIC NAME	ROUTE	PREPARATION
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B. ADDITIONAL COMPENSABLE DRUG PREPARATIONS (by November 1, 2003)

Section 3.0 ANTI-INFECTIVES

<i>Albendazole</i>	Oral:	200 mg/5 mL suspension, 60 mL
<i>Amphotericin B</i> (Lipid complex)	Inj.:	50 mg vial (IV infusion) (as cholesteryl complex, colloidal dispersion) 100 mg vial (IV infusion) (as cholesteryl complex, colloidal dispersion)
<i>Azithromycin</i>	Oral: Inj.:	500 mg tablet 500 mg powder, vial (IV infusion) (as dihydrate)
<i>Clarithromycin</i>	Oral: Inj.:	500 mg modified release tablet 125 mg/5 mL granules/powder for suspension, 70 mL 500 mg lyophilized powder, 10 mL vial (IV infusion) (as lactobionate)
<i>Clindamycin</i>	Inj.:	150 mg/mL, 2 mL vial (IM,IV) (as phosphate) 150 mg/mL, 4 mL vial (IM,IV) (as phosphate)
<i>Co-amoxiclav</i>	Oral:	875 mg amoxicillin (as trihydrate) + 125 mg potassium clavulanate per tablet 200 mg amoxicillin (as trihydrate) + 28.5 mg potassium clavulanate per 5 mL granules/powder for suspension, 70 mL 250 mg amoxicillin (as trihydrate) + 62.5 mg potassium clavulanate per 5 mL granules/powder for suspension, 100 mL 400 mg amoxicillin (as trihydrate) + 57 mg potassium clavulanate per 5 mL granules/powder for suspension, 30 mL 400 mg amoxicillin (as trihydrate) + 57 mg potassium clavulanate per 5 mL granules/powder for suspension, 70 mL
<i>Diethylcarbamazine</i>	Oral:	100 mg tablet
<i>Famciclovir</i>	Oral:	125 mg tablet
<i>Ganciclovir</i>	Oral:	250 mg capsule
<i>Indinavir</i>	Oral:	200 mg capsule (as sulfate)
<i>Isoniazid + Ethambutol</i>	Oral:	200 mg + 500 mg tablet
<i>Isoniazid + Rifampicin</i>	Oral:	100 mg + 150 mg tablet 200 mg + 225 mg tablet 300 mg + 450 mg tablet 400 mg + 450 mg tablet 600 mg + 400 mg tablet/film coated tablet
<i>Isoniazid + Rifampicin + Pyrazinamide</i>	Oral:	300 mg + 450 mg + 500 mg tablet
<i>Isoniazid + Rifampicin + Pyrazinamide + Ethambutol</i>	Oral:	60 mg + 120 mg + 300 mg + 225 mg tablet 200 mg + 450 mg + 500 mg + 400 mg tablet
<i>Mebendazole</i>	Oral:	500 mg chewable tablet
<i>Netilmicin</i>	Inj.:	50 mg/mL, 2 mL vial (IM,IV) (as sulfate) 100 mg/mL, 1.5 mL vial (IM,IV) (as sulfate) 100 mg/mL, 2 mL ampul (IM,IV) (as sulfate) 75 mg/mL, 2 mL ampul (IM,IV) (as sulfate)
<i>Quinine</i>	Inj.:	250 mg/mL, 1 mL ampul (IV) (as dihydrochloride)
<i>Zidovudine</i>	Oral:	300 mg tablet

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Section 5.0 CARDIOVASCULAR DRUGS

<i>Amlodipine</i>	Oral	20 mg tablet (as besylate)
<i>Carvedilol</i>	Oral	6.25 mg tablet
<i>Dobutamine</i>	Inj.	250 mg/250 mL D5W (pre-mixed) (IV) (as hydrochloride) 500 mg/250 mL D5W (pre-mixed) (IV) (as hydrochloride) 1000 mg/250 mL D5W (pre-mixed) (IV) (as hydrochloride)
<i>Dopamine</i>	Inj.	800 mg/250 mL D5W (pre-mixed) (IV) (as hydrochloride)
<i>Enoxaparin</i>	Inj.	100 mg/mL, 1 mL vial (SC)
<i>Furosemide</i>	Oral	80 mg tablet
<i>Glyceryl Trinitrate (nitroglycerine)</i>	Inj.	1mg/mL, 5 mL ampul (IV Infusion) (only for unstable angina) (1) 1mg/mL, 25 mL ampul (IV Infusion) (only for unstable angina) (1) 1mg/mL, 50 mL glass vial (IV Infusion) (only for unstable angina) (1)
<i>Irbesartan</i>	Oral	75 mg tablet
<i>Isosorbide - 5 - Mononitrate</i>	Oral	30 mg SR tablet 60 mg SR tablet
<i>Losartan</i>	Oral	100 mg tablet (as potassium salt)
<i>Nimodipine</i>	Inj.	10 mg solution, 50 mL vial for IV infusion
<i>Propranolol (B) (Non-cardio-selective/ no ISA)</i>	Oral	40 mg CR capsule (as hydrochloride) 80 mg CR capsule (as hydrochloride)
<i>Streptokinase</i>	Inj.	750,000 IU vial IV infusion

Section 6.0 DIURETICS

<i>Sambong [Blumea balsamifera, L. DC (fam. Compositae)]</i>	Oral	500 mg tablet
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ANNEX 2

Drugs and Drug Preparations Delisted from the PNDF NOT COMPENSABLE DRUGS (by January 1, 2004)

GENERIC NAME	ROUTE	PREPARATION
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A. DELISTED NON-COMPENSABLE DRUGS (by November 1, 2003)

Section 3.0 ANTI-INFECTIVES

<i>Aztreonam</i>	Inj.:	500 mg and 1 g vial (IM)
<i>Cefadroxil</i>	Oral:	500 mg capsule (as monohydrate) 50 mg/mL granules/powder for drops, 10 mL (as monohydrate) 250 mg/5 mL granules/powder for suspension, 30 mL and 60 mL (as monohydrate)
<i>Nafcillin</i>	Inj.:	500 mg and 1 g vial (IV) (as sodium salt)
<i>Neomycin</i>	Oral:	500 mg equivalent to 350 mg base per tablet (as sulfate)
<i>Penicillin G Procaine</i>	Inj.:	300,000 units procaine pen. G + 100,000 units buffered pen. G sodium per vial
<i>Probenecid</i>	Oral:	500 mg tablet
<i>Secnidazole</i>	Oral:	500 mg tablet 167 mg/5 mL suspension, 15 mL 187.5 mg/5 mL suspension, 20 mL

Section 5.0 CARDIOVASCULAR DRUGS

<i>Dipyridamole</i>	Oral	20 mg, 50 mg, 75 mg and 150 mg tablet (preferably used in combination with aspirin)
<i>Nicotinic Acid</i>	Oral	25 mg, 50 mg and 100 mg tablet
<i>Ticlopidine</i>	Oral	250 mg tablet (as hydrochloride)

B. DELISTED NON-COMPENSABLE DRUG PREPARATIONS (by November 1, 2003)

Section 3.0 ANTI-INFECTIVES

<i>Aciclovir</i>	Inj.:	25 mg/mL, 20 mL vial (IV infusion)
<i>Cefotaxime</i>	Inj.:	2 g vial + 10 mL diluent (IM,IV) (as sodium salt)
<i>Cefuroxime</i>	Oral:	125 mg tablet (as axetil) 125 mg/5 mL granules for suspension 100 mL (as axetil)
<i>Clarithromycin</i>	Inj.:	50 mg/mL powder, 10 mL vial (IV)
<i>Clindamycin</i>	Oral:	75 mg/5 mL granules for suspension, 30 mL (as palmitate hydrochloride) 75 mg/5 mL granules for suspension, 120 mL (as palmitate hydrochloride)
	Inj.:	150 mg/mL, 6 mL ampul (IM,IV) (as phosphate)

GENERIC NAME	ROUTE	PREPARATION
<i>Cloxacillin</i>	Oral:	125 mg/5 mL powder for syrup/ suspension, 30 mL (as sodium salt)
	Inj.:	500 mg vial (IM,IV) (as sodium salt)
<i>Co-amoxiclav</i>	Oral:	250 mg amoxicillin (as trihydrate) +125 mg potassium clavulanate per tablet. 250 mg amoxicillin (as trihydrate)+ 62.5 mg potassium clavulanate per 5 mL granules/powder for suspension, 30 mL
<i>Dapsone</i>	Oral:	50 mg tablet
<i>Griseofulvin</i>	Oral:	250 mg tablet (microsize) 330 mg tablet (ultramicrosize)
<i>Metronidazole</i>	Inj.:	5 mg/mL, 20 mL ampul (pediatric IV infusion)
<i>Minocycline</i>	Oral:	50 mg tablet
<i>Netilmicin</i>	Inj.:	50 mg/mL, 2 mL ampule (IM,IV) (as sulfate)
<i>Phenoxymethylpenicillin (penicillin V)</i>	Oral:	250 mg/5 mL granules/powder for syrup/suspension, 30 mL (as potassium salt)
<i>Pyrazinamide</i>	Oral:	500 mg capsule
<i>Quinine</i>	Inj.:	300 mg/mL, 1 mL vial (IV) (as dihydrochloride) 300 mg/mL, 2 mL vial/ampule (IV) (as dihydrochloride)
<i>Ritonavir</i>	Oral:	80 mg/mL solution, 750 mL
<i>Zalcitabine</i>	Oral:	750 mcg tablet
<i>Zidovudine</i>	Oral:	100 mg capsule

Section 5.0 CARDIOVASCULAR DRUGS

<i>Captopril</i>	Oral	12.5 mg tablet
<i>Furosemide</i>	Oral	30 mg SR capsule
<i>Glyceryl Trinitrate (nitroglycerine)</i>	Inj.	5mg/mL, 5mL vial (IV infusion) (only for unstable angina) (1)
<i>Isosorbide Dinitrate</i>	Sublingual	2.5 mg tablet
<i>Isosorbide - 5 - Mononitrate</i>	Oral	30 mg SR capsule 120 mg SR capsule
<i>Metoprolol (B) (Cardio selective / no ISA)</i>	Oral	200 mg tablet (as succinate)
<i>Nifedipine</i>	Oral	5 mg tablet 10 mg tablet 50 mg CR tablet
<i>Propranolol (B) (Non-cardio-selective/ no ISA)</i>	Oral	40 mg SR capsule (as hydrochloride) 80 mg SR capsule (as hydrochloride)
<i>Prazosin</i>	Oral	2 mg tablet (as hydrochloride)
<i>Reserpine</i>	Oral	250 mcg tablet

GENERIC NAME	ROUTE	PREPARATION
<i>Verapamil (2,B)</i>	Oral	80 mg CR/SR tablet/capsule (as hydrochloride) (for maintenance therapy) 120 mg SR tablet/capsule (as hydrochloride) (for maintenance therapy) 120 mg CR tablet (as hydrochloride) (for maintenance therapy) 180 mg CR/SR capsule (as hydrochloride) (for maintenance therapy) 180 mg CR tablet (as hydrochloride) (for maintenance therapy) 240 mg SR capsule (as hydrochloride) (for maintenance therapy) 240 mg CR tablet (as hydrochloride) (for maintenance therapy)

Section 6.0 DIURETICS

Furosemide

Oral 30 mg SR capsule
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ANNEX 3

Drugs Delisted from PhilHealth Positive List NON-COMPENSABLE POSITIVE LIST DRUGS (by January 1, 2004)

GENERIC NAME	ROUTE	PREPARATION
<u>A. Drugs indicated for Hypertension</u>		
<i>Benazepril</i>	Oral:	5 mg, 10 mg tablet
<i>Cilazapril</i>	Oral:	1 mg, 2.5 mg, 5 mg tablet
<i>Doxazosin</i>	Oral:	1 mg, 2 mg, 4 mg tablet
<i>Isradipine</i>	Oral:	2.5 mg, 5 mg tablet or capsule
<i>Lacidipine</i>	Oral:	2 mg, 4 mg tablet
<i>Manidipine</i>	Oral:	10 mg, 20 mg tablet
<i>Perindopril</i>	Oral:	2 mg, 4 mg tablet
<i>Quinapril</i>	Oral:	5 mg, 10 mg, 20 mg tablet
<i>Ramipril</i>	Oral:	1.25 mg, 2.5 mg, 5 mg tablet
<i>Delapril</i>	Oral:	15 mg, 30 mg tablet
<i>Lisinopril</i>	Oral:	5 mg, 10 mg, 20 mg tablet
<i>Carteolol</i>	Oral:	5 mg tablet
<i>Oxprenolol</i>	Oral:	80 mg, 160 mg tablet, SR Divitabs
<i>Pindolol</i>	Oral:	5 mg tablet
<i>Guanfacine</i>	Oral:	1 mg tablet
<i>Nitrendipine</i>	Oral:	10 mg, 20 mg tablet
<u>B. Drug indicated for Urinary Tract Infection</u>		
<i>Lomefloxacin</i>	Oral:	400 mg tablet
<i>Pefloxacin</i>		400 mg tablet
<u>C. Drugs indicated for Pneumonia</u>		
<i>Cefamandole</i>	Inj.:	500 mg, 1 g vial
<i>Cefoperazone</i>	Inj.:	500 mg, 1 g vial
<i>Cefotiam</i>	Inj.:	500 mg, 1 g vial
<i>Cefpirome</i>	Inj.:	1 g, 2 g vial
<i>Co-amoxycylav</i>	Inj.:	300 mg, 600 mg, 1.2 g vial
<i>Cefprozil</i>	Oral:	250 mg, 500 mg tablet
<i>Ceftibuten</i>	Oral:	200 mg, 400 mg capsule
<i>Ceftizoxime</i>	Inj.:	500 mg, 1 g vial
<i>Dirithromycin</i>	Oral:	250 mg tablet
<i>Levofloxacin</i>	Oral:	250 mg, 500 mg tablet
<i>Roxithromycin</i>	Oral:	100 mg, 150 mg, 300 mg tablet
<i>Sultamicillin</i>	Oral:	375 mg tablet
<i>Cefetamet</i>	Oral:	250 mg, 500 mg tablet
<i>Cefaclor</i>	Oral:	250 mg, 500 mg pulvule; 375 mg, 750 mg tablet

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