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**TO : ALL PHILHEALTH ACCREDITED HOSPITALS, TB DOTS FACILITIES, AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT : ICD-10 Coding Guidelines for Tuberculosis**

In accordance with PhilHealth's mandate to administer the NHIP, please be guided by the following clarifications (taken from the ICD-10 Coding Guideline for tuberculosis included in Department of Health Circular No. 33, series of 2004) to reduce the number of returned claims due to incorrect ICD-10 codes.

1. The following ICD-10 codes are assigned for the following conditions:

ICD-10 CODE	CATEGORY/ Diagnosis	REMARKS
Z20.1	<b>CONTACT WITH AND EXPOSURE TO TUBERCULOSIS</b> Pulmonary Tuberculosis (PTB) Class 1,2	
A15.0	<b>TUBERCULOSIS OF LUNG, CONFIRMED BY SPUTUM MICROSCOPY WITH OR WITHOUT CULTURE</b> Pulmonary Tuberculosis (PTB) Class 3 by sputum confirmation	This includes PTB Class 3 with positive (+) sputum microscopy and positive (+) X-ray
A15.1	<b>TUBERCULOSIS OF LUNG, CONFIRMED BY CULTURE ONLY</b> MDRTB confirmed by culture	
A16.0	<b>TUBERCULOSIS OF LUNG, BACTERIOLOGICALLY AND HISTOLOGICALLY NEGATIVE</b> Pulmonary Tuberculosis (PTB) Class 3,4 by X-ray confirmation and bacteriologically and histologically negative	This includes PTB Class 3,4 with positive (+) X-ray and negative (-) sputum microscopy
A16.1	<b>TUBERCULOSIS OF LUNG, BACTERIOLOGICAL AND HISTOLOGICAL CONFIRMATION NOT DONE</b> Pulmonary Tuberculosis (PTB) Class 3,4 by X-ray confirmation and bacteriological and histological examination not done	This includes PTB class 3,4 with positive (+) X-ray and it was recorded that no sputum microscopy was done
A16.2	<b>TUBERCULOSIS OF LUNG WITHOUT MENTION OF BACTERIOLOGIC AND HISTOLOGIC CONFIRMATION</b> Pulmonary Tuberculosis (PTB) Pulmonary Tuberculosis (PTB) Class 3,4 by X-ray confirmation without mention of bacteriological and histological confirmation	This includes PTB Class 3,4 with positive (+) X-ray and without information on sputum microscopy examination (whether it is done or not)
Z03.0	<b>OBSERVATION OF SUSPECTED TUBERCULOSIS</b> Pulmonary Tuberculosis (PTB) Class 5 MDRTB without culture sensitivity	

- If PTB is confirmed by both sputum microscopy and X-ray examinations, priority of assignment should be given to sputum confirmation.
- For PTB reported as Far Advanced (PTB FA), Moderately Advanced (PTB MA), it is necessary to determine how the PTB was confirmed because for PTB conditions, priority of assignment is given to the method of confirmation.
- The above codes shall be used in all claims application for completed treatment effective May 1, 2006.

All other rules and guidelines not contrary to this circular shall remain in full force and effect.

This Circular shall take effect on May 1, 2006.

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