TO: ALL ACCREDITED INSTITUTIONAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, PHILHEALTH REGIONAL OFFICES (PROs), PHILHEALTH CENTRAL OFFICE AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

SUBJECT: Clarifications on PhilHealth Benefits for Dialysis

Please be guided by the following clarifications for outpatient dialysis procedures performed in PhilHealth accredited facilities:

I. General Rules:

1. The Index of Surgical and Other Procedures, it is reiterated that PhilHealth covers the following procedures in accredited hospitals and freestanding dialysis centers (FDCs):

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2. Claims for dialysis room fee will be for the number of exchanges. The rates for each modality is as follows:

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3. Payment for dialysis room fee is Php 670 per session for secondary hospitals/FDC and Php 1,060 per session for tertiary hospitals.

4. Payment for professional fee shall be 40 pesos/RVU; Maximum of 4,000 pesos*.

5. Claims for drugs and medicines used are considered medically necessary (e.g., anti-hypertensive, anti-diabetics, and erythropoietin) may be reimbursed.

6. Payment for dialysis solutions, supplies, laboratory, use of dialysis facility and professional fee subject to benefit limits of one-day admission and the rule on single period of confinement.

II. Benefit Terms:

1. Each session of hemodialysis shall be charged 1 day against the 45-day room and board allowance.

2. Payment for professional fee shall be for 40 pesos/session of dialysis.

3. Payment for dialysis room fee is Php 670 per session for secondary hospitals/FDC and Php 1,060 per session for tertiary hospitals.

4. Any modalities of peritoneal dialysis e.g., automated or continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis (CAPD) may be claimed from PhilHealth.

5. Only laboratory procedures and supplies considered necessary shall be covered.

6. Claims for drugs and medicines used are considered medically necessary (e.g., anti-hypertensive, anti-diabetics, and erythropoietin) may be reimbursed.

7. Payment for dialysis room fee is Php 670/day for secondary hospitals/FDC and Php 1,060/day for tertiary hospitals regardless of the number of exchanges.

III. Claims Filing:

1. Any modalities of peritoneal dialysis e.g., automated or continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis (CAPD) may be claimed from PhilHealth.

2. All claims for dialysis solutions, supplies, laboratory, use of dialysis facility and professional fee subject to benefit limits of one-day admission and the rule on single period of confinement.

3. Payment for dialysis room fee is Php 670/day for secondary hospitals/FDC and Php 1,060/day for tertiary hospitals.

4. Payment for professional fee shall be for 40 pesos/session of dialysis.

5. Claims for peritoneal dialysis include payment for dialysis solutions, supplies, laboratory, use of dialysis facility and professional fee.

IV. Accreditation:

1. All currently accredited secondary and tertiary hospitals are not required to have a separate accreditation for providing dialysis services.

2. Each dialysis center (FCD) is required to comply with all accreditation requirements set by PhilHealth Central Office No. 20 of 2005.

3. However, FCDs that offer only PD modality shall only be required to comply with the modified requirements attached in this Circular.

V. Reporting:

1. All accredited facilities (hospital-based dialysis clinics and FDCs) are required to participate in the Philippine Renal Disease Registry (PRDR).

2. All new patients on chronic dialysis therapy should be registered with all accredited dialysis clinics to the PRDR.

3. All PhilHealth-accredited dialysis clinics are required to regularly submit to PRDR the following forms monthly:

   - Registry forms
   - Lab Kit and Supplies
   - Paediatric forms

4. Non-compliance to reporting with PRDR shall be appropriately dealt with during renewal of accreditation.

5. All other rules and guidelines not contrary hereto shall remain in full force and effect.

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Date Signed: February 22, 2006