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**PHILHEALTH CIRCULAR**

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**TO : ALL CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT : Expanded Coverage of PhilHealth Normal Spontaneous Delivery/Maternity Care Package In PhilHealth Accredited Hospitals and Non-hospital Facilities (Lying-In Clinics)**

**I. Coverage**

**A. Inclusion**

1. Starting 1 January 2009, PhilHealth extends its coverage of normal spontaneous deliveries (NSD) to the first four (4) births.
2. This amendment applies only to normal (uncomplicated) vaginal deliveries in both accredited hospitals and lying-in clinics.
3. For non-hospital providers (e.g., lying-in clinics, birthing homes, midwife-managed clinics) of the maternal care package, the first prenatal visit of patient must not exceed the 16 weeks age of gestation. Patients who do not satisfy this criterion should be referred to accredited hospitals to qualify for the normal spontaneous delivery package.
4. Normal birth is characterized by spontaneous onset of labor; low risk at the start of labor, throughout labor, and delivery; infant in vertex position; and 37-42 weeks of completed pregnancy.

**B. Exclusion**

1. Deliveries of the 5th and subsequent births are not covered by PhilHealth.
2. Pregnancies resulting to abortions are not covered by the limitation of coverage of NSD of the first four births.
3. The following conditions remain to be excluded in PhilHealth accredited non-hospital facilities:
  - a. maternal age under 19 years old
  - b. first pregnancy of patients aged 35 years and older
  - c. multiple pregnancy
  - d. ovarian abnormality (ovarian cyst)
  - e. uterine abnormality (myoma uteri)
  - f. placental abnormality (placenta previa)
  - g. abnormal fetal presentations (e.g., breech)
  - h. history of three (3) or more miscarriages/abortion
  - i. history of one (1) stillbirth
  - j. history of major obstetric and/or gynecologic operation (e.g., cesarean section, uterine myomectomy)
  - k. history of medical conditions (e.g., hypertension, pre-eclampsia, eclampsia, heart disease, diabetes, thyroid disorder, morbid obesity, moderate to severe asthma, epilepsy, renal disease, bleeding disorders)
1. Other risk factors that may arise during present pregnancy (e.g., premature contractions, vaginal bleeding) that warrants a referral for further management.

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## II. Coding

### A. Hospitals:

CODE	DESCRIPTIVE TERMS	RVU
59400	Routine obstetric care for hospitals (Normal Spontaneous Delivery Package)	P
59409	Vaginal delivery only (with or without episiotomy)	50
59411	Breech extraction	80
59514	Cesarean delivery	150
59612	Vaginal delivery only, after previous cesarean delivery (with or without episiotomy)	80
59812	Treatment of incomplete abortion, any trimester, completed surgically	60

### B. Non-hospital Facilities:

CODE	DESCRIPTIVE TERMS	RVU
59401	Routine obstetric care including prenatal care, delivery and newborn care for non-hospital facilities (Maternity Care Package), 1 <sup>st</sup> claim	P
59430	Postpartum care (Maternity Care Package), 2 <sup>nd</sup> claim	P

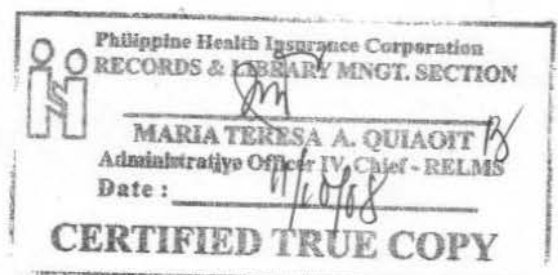
## III. Examples:

A. Pregnancy	Outcome	Lying-in Clinics	Hospitals
1st	normal delivery	Covered (Package)	Covered (Package)
2nd	normal delivery	Covered (Package)	Covered (Package)
3rd	normal delivery	Covered (Package)	Covered (Package)
4th	normal delivery	Covered (Package)	Covered (Package)
5th	normal delivery	Not covered	Not covered

B. Pregnancy	Outcome	Lying-in Clinics	Hospitals
1st	breech delivery	Not covered	Covered (59411)
2nd	normal delivery	Covered (Package)	Covered (Package)
3rd	normal delivery	Covered (Package)	Covered (Package)
4th	normal delivery	Covered (Package)	Covered (Package)
5th	normal delivery	Not covered	Not covered

C. Pregnancy	Outcome	Lying-in Clinics	Hospitals
1st	cesarean delivery	Not covered	Covered (59514)
2nd	normal delivery	Not covered	Covered (59612)
3rd	normal delivery	Not covered	Covered (Package)
4th	normal delivery	Not covered	Covered (Package)
5th	normal delivery	Not covered	Not covered

D. Pregnancy	Outcome	Lying-in Clinics	Hospitals
1st	preterm delivery	Not covered	Covered (59409)
2nd	normal delivery	Covered (Package)	Covered (Package)
3rd	normal delivery	Covered (Package)	Covered (Package)
4th	normal delivery	Covered (Package)	Covered (Package)
5th	normal delivery	Not covered	Not covered



E. Pregnancy	Outcome	Lying-in Clinics	Hospitals
1st	stillbirth	Not covered	Covered (59409)
2nd	normal delivery	Not covered	Covered (Package)
3rd	normal delivery	Not covered	Covered (Package)
4th	normal delivery	Not covered	Covered (Package)
5th	normal delivery	Not covered	Not covered

F. Pregnancy	Outcome	Lying-in Clinics	Hospitals
1st	normal delivery	Covered (Package)	Covered (Package)
2nd	abortion	Not covered	Covered (59812)
3rd	normal delivery	Covered (Package)	Covered (Package)
4th	normal delivery	Covered (Package)	Covered (Package)
5th	normal delivery	Covered (Package)	Covered (Package)
6th	normal delivery	Not covered	Not covered

G. Pregnancy	Outcome	Lying-in Clinics	Hospitals
1st	abortion	Not covered	Covered (59812)
2nd	abortion	Not covered	Covered (59812)
3rd	abortion	Not covered	Covered (59812)
4th	normal delivery	Not covered	Covered (Package)
5th	normal delivery	Not covered	Covered (Package)
6th	normal delivery	Not covered	Covered (Package)
7th	normal delivery	Not covered	Covered (Package)
8th	normal delivery	Not covered	Not covered

This Circular shall take effect for all admission starting January 1, 2009.

The provisions of previous Circulars, Office Orders and other related issuances that are not inconsistent with any provisions of this Circular remain in effect.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

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Date signed: 11/10/08

