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PHILHEALTH CIRCULAR

No. 0021, s.2013

Shaw

FOR : ALL PHILHEALTH ACCREDITED HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, PHILHEALTH OFFICES AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : Clarification on the Reimbursement of Radiotherapy and Hemodialysis

I. RATIONALE:

In line with the implementation of the Administrative Order 2012-0012 re: Rules and Regulations Governing the New Classification of Hospitals and Other Health Facilities in the Philippines which directs that the licensing of health care facilities shall be based on but not limited to its scope of services and functional capability and PhilHealth Circular 54, s.2012 re: PhilHealth Engagement through Accreditation and Contracting for Health Services (PEACHeS) which provides for the automatic accreditation of health care institutions licensed by DOH, among others, PhilHealth shall reimburse health care institutions based on their service capability.

Accordingly, the reimbursement for radiotherapy procedures shall no longer be restricted to Level 2 and Level 3 hospitals (formerly Level 3 and Level 4 respectively) while hemodialysis shall no longer be restricted to hospitals and freestanding dialysis clinics provided that such service/s are within their capability as provided for in the DOH license.

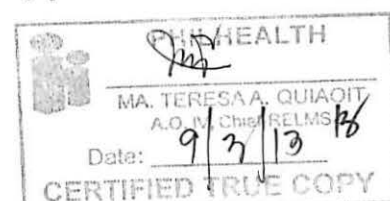
II. GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. Reimbursement shall be based on the existing benefit schedule stipulated in PhilHealth issuances.
2. Submission of the prescribed claim forms shall still be required.
3. PhilHealth through its regional offices and the Accreditation Department shall ensure the tagging of the radiotherapy and hemodialysis services enumerated in the DOH license to facilitate payment of claims for such services.
4. Health care institutions shall submit an application together with the required documents for updating of provider profile to PhilHealth should radiotherapy and /or hemodialysis be an additional service.
5. Services of health care institutions that are not covered or have no existing benefit shall be referred to the concerned PhilHealth office/s for possible benefit development.

In addition, the medical director of a hemodialysis center/facility shall handle a maximum of only three (3) hemodialysis centers.

III. REPEALING CLAUSE

All provisions of previous issuances that are inconsistent with any provisions of this Circular are hereby amended/modified/or repealed accordingly.

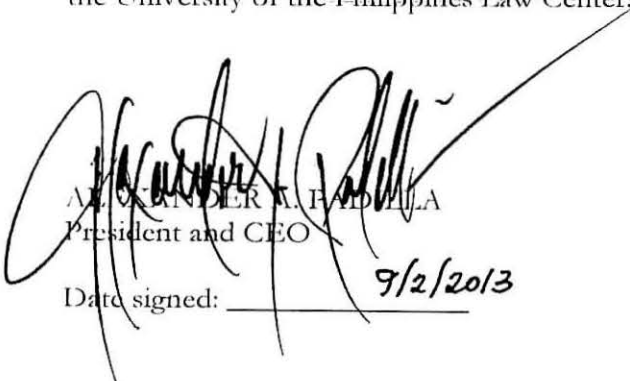


IV. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

In the event that a part or provision of this Circular is declared unauthorized or rendered invalid by any Court of Law or competent authority, those provisions not affected by such declaration shall remain valid and effective.

V. EFFECTIVITY

This Circular shall cover valid claims for hemodialysis and radiotherapy procedures of PhilHealth accredited health care institutions upon the effectivity of the PhilHealth Circular 54, s.2012 re: PhilHealth Engagement through Accreditation and Contracting for Health Services (PEACHeS) which was on November 26, 2012. This shall be published in any newspaper of general circulation and shall be deposited thereafter with the National Administrative Register at the University of the Philippines Law Center.


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Date signed: _____

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