

**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERIM REIMBURSEMENT MECHANISM (IRM)  
FOR HEALTH CARE INSTITUTIONS IN AREAS DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY  
'SUPER TYPHOON YOLANDA'**

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**1. What is the Interim Reimbursement Mechanism or IRM?**

This is a mechanism which will provide substantial aid to the affected health care institutions in the aftermath of the 'Super Typhoon Yolanda'.

The IRM fund shall enable such health care institutions to continuously provide health care services to affected Filipinos especially the PhilHealth members and their dependents.

**2. What institutions are included in this in the circular?**

All accredited hospitals, primary care facilities, ASCs, FDCs and MCPs. Also included are those located in areas or LGUs directly affected by 'Super Typhoon Yolanda' as declared by the NDRRMC.

**3. Is there a need for the HCIs to apply and what documents are needed to submit?**

HCI needs to accomplish two (2) copies of the Letter of Intent and submit the same to the nearest LHIO or PRO. The HCI should comply with the requirements enumerated in the Circular.

**4. Who approves the application/request for the application of the IRM**

The PCEO shall approve the application / request for the application of the IRM after the PRO conducted their survey and upon recommendation of the RVP and AVP based on the need for the IRM fund and track record in terms of rendering health care services to PhilHealth members and dependents.

**5. What claims are to be deducted from the IRM fund?**

Only good claims are to be deducted from the IRM fund.

**6. Can patients opt for direct filing after the IRM fund has been received by the HCI?**

Once the IRM fund has been received by the HCI, PHIC shall no longer accept directly filed claims. The HCI shall reimburse the member/patient the amount due.

**7. Is NBB policy applicable ?**

Yes, NBB policy should be strictly followed. Otherwise this shall be counted as a violation of the agreement.

**8. When is the effectivity of this circular?**

PhilHealth Circular 04 is effective immediately.