

GUIDELINES FOR THE OKS ANG BAKUNA KO LABAN SA PULMONYA: A PROGRAM ON PNEUMOCOCCAL VACCINE FOR PHILHEALTH MEMBERS AND DEPENDENTS AGED 50 YEARS OLD AND ABOVE

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1. What is pneumococcal vaccine?

Pneumococcal vaccines provide protection against the most prevalent and invasive serotypes of this organism. Vaccine to be administered is Pneumovax, a 23-valent polysaccharide vaccine. One vaccine shot is good for 5 years protection from pneumonia.

2. How much is the vaccine cost?

Cost is P600.00/shot per vaccine.

3. Who can avail of the discounted vaccines?

The special price of pneumococcal vaccine shall apply to all PhilHealth members and their qualified dependents aged **50 years old and above**.

4. What is Vaccine Access Points?

Vaccine Access Points (VAPs) are public and private health care institutions nationwide where the discounted vaccines can be availed of (refer to <http://www.philhealth.gov.ph/advisories/2013/pdf/adv12-01-2013.pdf>)

5. What are the requirements in order for me to avail of this special priced vaccine?

- a.) Consult with and secure a prescription from a doctor prior to availment of the vaccine.
- b.) Bring PhilHealth number cards or identification cards or proof of dependency in case the patient is not the member (e.g. membership data record (MDR), birth certificate) for presentation to the VAPs.

6. What are the procedures in availing of the vaccine?

- a. PhilHealth member/dependent(s) may go to the nearest VAPs and proceed to the VAP-assigned Vaccination Unit.

- b. PhilHealth member/dependent(s) shall present any proof of membership such as ID or MDR for dependents.
- c. Healthcare providers in the Vaccination Unit within VAPs shall screen the patient for conditions/contraindication that will prevent a member from acquiring the vaccine.
- d. If the patient has no prescription at hand, a doctor from the facility shall write a prescription for the vaccine.
- e. In cases when a patient already has a prescription from a doctor, the patient can proceed to the Vaccination Unit inside the VAPs.
- f. The staff from the Vaccination Unit will direct the patient to the area where the prescription will be filled
- g. After vaccination, the PhilHealth member/dependent(s) shall pay the predetermined amount and agreed upon by PhilHealth and the industry partner of not-to-exceed six hundred pesos (**Php600**) at the cashier or any VAP-assigned payment center. This shall cover for all the services needed for the administration of the vaccine
- h. PhilHealth member/dependent(s) receives vaccination card and Official Receipt from the cashier or VAP-assigned payment center.
- i. The PhilHealth member or dependent shall return to the Vaccination Center for validation of the vaccine card.