

TAMANG SAGOT

Guidelines on the Procedures for Availment and Release of PRevEnTS (Primary Care Revitalized and Enhanced Through Skills and Services) Fund

1. What is the PRevEnTS fund?

The PRevEnTS fund is a one-time booster package for the Primary Care Benefit 1 (PCB1) Package, government-owned Maternity Care Package (MCP) and Neonatal Care Package (NCP) providers which aims to increase quality of care delivered by primary care providers by giving an incentive for training activities focused on capacitating health facility personnel to effectively implement PCB1 and selected Millenium Development Goal (MDG)-related packages.

2. What are the past PhilHealth issuances in relation to the PRevEnTS Fund?

The PRevEnTS Package was approved through PhilHealth Board Resolution No. 1694 s. 2012 and created through PhilHealth Circular 29 s. 2013.

3. Will the PrevEnTS Fund be available every year?

No, the provider can only file for availment of the fund once and only until July 31, 2014.

4. Can an MCP provider that is not a PCB provider avail of the fund?

No. Only PCB1 providers with trust funds can avail of the PrevEnTS fund. If the MCP/NCP/DOTS provider is also a PCB1 provider, then it can avail of the fund.

5. When is the deadline for submission of application to avail of the PRevEnTS fund?

The deadline for submission of application to avail of the PRevEnTS fund is extended up to July 31, 2014.

6. Can a PCB1 provider file for availment of the fund beyond July 31, 2014?

No. July 31, 2014 is the last day of filing for availment of the fund.

7. Until when can proposed trainings be done?

Trainings are expected to be done within 2014 only to ensure proper PCB1 service delivery. Proposals for trainings to be done by 2015 shall indicate reason for delayed conduct of the training and shall be approved by the LHIO.

8. What are the requirements necessary for application to avail of the PRevEnTS Fund?

- Proof of accreditation as PCB1 Provider
- Self-Assessment Form for PRevEnTS (Annex A of PhilHealth Circular 29 s. 2013)
- Letter of Intent for PRevEnTS Fund (Annex B of PhilHealth Circular 29 s. 2013)

- Certification from the concerned local accounting officer that a Trust Fund for PCF/PFP exists
- If the desired training program/s is/are not included in the list of recognized trainings, a briefer on the proposed training including trainer/s and their contact information (optional)

9. What shall be done for incomplete applications?

The LHIO shall not accept incomplete applications and documents shall be returned to the applicant for completion. The applicant shall be reminded of the date of last day of filing of applications. Incomplete applications not completed by June 2014 shall not be deemed valid.

10. What shall be done for complete applications?

Complete applications shall be accepted and stamped complete. Accepted applications shall be forwarded to the PRO - Accreditation and Quality Assurance Section (AQAS) for evaluation. Applicants shall be informed by the LHIO that they will be notified regarding the status of their application within fifteen (15) days upon acceptance of complete requirements.

The AQAS shall be responsible for informing the provider whether the application is approved or not. The applicant provider must be informed of the reason why their application is disapproved (e.g. changes in budget, incomplete requirements) and the options/actions that need to be done to be eligible to the PRevEnTS fund.

11. What shall be done for previously submitted applications?

All previously submitted applications are still valid provided that all necessary requirements have been submitted.

12. How shall applications be evaluated?

The AQAS shall determine if the proposed training/s is/are appropriate and necessary in implementing the PCB1 fully or to facilitate the MDG initiatives based on the criteria below. PCB1 related training shall be prioritized. If the PCB1 provider can adequately provide the PCB1 services, MDG-related trainings may be considered.

Evaluation Criteria	Source of Data
Inadequacy of skills of PCB1 providers	Self-Assessment Form for PRevEnTS (Annex A of Circular 29 s-2013)
Status of employment and position of the personnel in the facility	Letter of Intent for application of PRevEnTS fund (Annex B of Circular 29 s-2013)
Adequacy of proposed number of personnel to undergo training in reference to the population	Letter of Intent and LHIO-certified number of enlisted members for the catchment area

13. Can a PCB1 provider use the fund for BeMONC trainings first even if it isn't capable of providing Cervical cancer screening by visual acetic acid?

No. The principle of the release of the PrevEnTS funds is to prioritize PCB1 services. Therefore, they have to ensure and justify that they are capable of delivering ALL the PCB1 services before they could use the funds for MCP/NCP and DOTS. The AQAS is tasked to evaluate if the request for trainings are appropriate.

14. How much can a PCB1 provider can get for the PRevEnTS fund?

The PRevEnTS fund for each provider shall be computed based on the number of enlisted members assigned to the PCB1 provider as of **June 30, 2013**. The formula for computing the **maximum amount** of the PRevEnTS fund is as follows:

$$\text{PRevEnTS fund per PCB1 provider} = \text{\# of enlisted sponsored members in the PCB1 facility as of June 30, 2013} \times \text{P200}$$

15. Can PCB1 Providers who were accredited after June 30, 2013 avail of the PRevEnTS Fund?

No. Only PCB1 Providers that have been accredited as of June 30, 2013 shall be allowed to avail of the PRevEnTS fund in order to compute for the amount to be released to the Provider.

16. Can a PCB1 provider propose a different training if the maximum PRevEnTS fund has not been fully utilized?

Yes. The PCB1 provider can propose different trainings provided that there is still sufficient fund as computed by the PRevEnTS fund and it is necessary to fulfill PCB1 service requirements. The providers can propose other trainings for MCP/NCP or MDG related services only when the facility has adequate skills to perform PCB1 services.

17. Will PhilHealth pay the training provider directly from the PrevEnTS fund? Are the recognized training programs for free?

No. PhilHealth will release the fund to the eligible PCB1 providers and post the list of recognized trainings in our website which includes the contact details. The PCB1 providers shall be the one to coordinate with the trainers regarding cost of training, schedule, payment, number of trainees, etc. PhilHealth shall not be involved in the transactions between the providers, trainers and the trainee.

18. Will CME units be given after completion of training?

This will depend on the type of training to be given and the training institution. Currently, there are no recognized training institutions that are authorized to give CME credit.

19. Can we get training programs that are not included in the list of recognized trainings?

Yes. For training programs not included in the list of recognized trainings, providers have to submit a write-up on the training module, the name of the trainer/s and their contact numbers. AQAS shall determine if the training is legitimate and appropriate for the purpose of the

PRevEnTS fund. If the AQAS shall recommend it, it shall be included in the list of recognized trainings and the PRevEnTS fund may be used.

20. How shall the PRevEnTS fund be given to the PCB1 providers?

The initial 70% shall be given 30 days upon receipt of complete requirements for application to avail of the PRevEnTS fund. The remaining 30% shall be given 30 days upon receipt of evidences for completion of training from the provider and the LGU.

21. When shall the proofs of completion of training be submitted?

Proofs of completion shall be submitted to the LHIO not later than 30 days after the conduct of the last day of training.

22. What if the proofs of completion of training were submitted after the deadline, would they still be able to get the 2nd tranche (30%) of the fund?

Submission beyond this date shall forfeit the availment of the 2nd tranche of the PRevEnTS fund.

23. In case the PCB1 provider decides to take other recognized trainings after July 31, 2014, can they use the PRevEnTS Package even if this trainings were not reflected in the Letter of Intent (LOI) submitted to PhilHealth?

Yes, they could use the fund for other trainings, provided that the additional trainings are reflected in the Provider Reporting Form for providers.