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PHILHEALTH CIRCULAR

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TO : ALL PHILHEALTH MEMBERS, ACCREDITED HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, PHILHEALTH REGIONAL OFFICES AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : 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

I. BACKGROUND

The Department of Health issued Administrative Order (A.O.) 2010-0036 that enunciates the implementation framework for achieving Universal Health Care (UHC) also known as "Kalusugan Pangkalahatan" (KP) Program of the Aquino Administration and targets achievement of UHC in three (3) years. The A.O. also defines public-private partnership (PPP) as a cooperative venture between the public and private sectors, built on the expertise of each partner that best meet defined public needs through the appropriate allocation of resources, risks and rewards. This partnership may range from health care provision to logistics management, from information and communication technology to capacity building of health providers.

Pursuant to this A.O., PhilHealth intends to provide its members with quality health care benefits which includes among others, vaccination against pneumococcal diseases.

II. COVERAGE

The special price of pneumococcal vaccines shall apply to all PhilHealth members and their qualified dependents aged 50 years old and above. The vaccines shall be made available to identified vaccine access points (VAPs) which are composed of public and private health care institutions nationwide.

III. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A. PhilHealth

1. Monitor regularly the implementation of the program including the availability and compliance to the agreed price of the vaccine, performance of VAPs and industry partners;
2. Assist in the promotion of the program by providing necessary logistic and administrative support;
3. Review and approve materials for publication that are related to the program;
4. Organize orientations for identified health care providers in the VAPs, as necessary.



B. Industry Partner

1. Identify the VAPs for the program in coordination with and approval of PhilHealth;
2. Provide the VAPs with unbranded customized vaccination cards to be distributed to eligible PhilHealth members and dependents who will receive the vaccine for record/tracking purposes;
3. Provide quality, safe and efficacious vaccines at the agreed special price to identified VAPs on a consignment basis;
4. Monitor and ensure safe and timely delivery of vaccines to VAPs;
5. Ensure availability of the vaccines at VAPs at all times;
6. Provide PhilHealth with necessary and relevant public information and educational materials for the promotion of the program;
7. Implement a multi-media public information campaign. All information materials related to the program should be pre-approved by PhilHealth and pharmaceutical partner before publication to increase public awareness on the program;
8. Conduct, as needed and in coordination with PhilHealth, patient education and awareness campaigns on the benefits of preventing pneumococcal diseases.

C. VAPs

1. Identified VAPs shall determine which department of the health care institution will serve as the vaccination unit for the program;
2. Ensure the presence of health care providers who will screen the patient prior to prescription of vaccines when needed;
3. Ensure the availability of health care providers who will write a prescription for the vaccine if patient does not yet have a written prescription;
4. Ensure the availability of health care providers who will administer the vaccine to the PhilHealth members or dependents in the assigned Vaccination Unit;
5. Develop a system to determine how and where the vaccines will be made available to eligible PhilHealth members and dependents;
6. Ensure availability of all supplies and equipment needed for the implementation of the program (i.e. sterile cotton, adhesive, alcohol, cold chain, sharps disposal container, etc.);
7. Require the PhilHealth member or dependent to present the original copy of the prescription for the vaccine before filling it;
8. Issue an official receipt upon receiving payment for the vaccines;
9. Report any adverse reaction to the Food and Drug Administration, copy furnish the industry partner/s and PhilHealth;
10. Keep a record of all PhilHealth members and their dependents that availed of the pneumococcal vaccine. This record shall contain pertinent patient information, lot number of the vaccine, person administering the vaccine and remarks for any adverse events. The record shall be available at all times for monitoring of PhilHealth.

D. PhilHealth member/dependent(s)

1. Consult with and secure a prescription from a doctor either within or outside the health care institution where the vaccine will be administered prior to availment of the vaccines;
2. Have at hand their PhilHealth number cards or identification cards or proof of dependency in case the patient is not the member (e.g. membership data record, birth certificate) for presentation to the VAPs.



IV. Patient Vaccination Procedure

- a. PhilHealth member/dependent(s) may go to the nearest VAPs.
- b. PhilHealth member/dependent(s) shall proceed to the VAP-assigned Vaccination Unit within the health care institution.
- c. PhilHealth member/dependent(s) shall present any proof of membership such as ID or MDR for dependents.
- d. Healthcare providers in the Vaccination Unit within VAPs shall screen the patient for conditions/contraindication that will prevent a member from acquiring the vaccine.
- e. If the patient has no prescription yet at hand, a doctor from the facility shall write a prescription for the vaccine.
- f. In cases when a patient already has a prescription from a doctor, the patient can proceed to the Vaccination Unit inside the VAPs.
- g. The staff from the Vaccination Unit will direct the patient to the area where the prescription will be filled.
- h. 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.
- i. PhilHealth member/dependent(s) receives vaccination card (*which will be provided by the pharmaceutical partner to VAPs*) and Official Receipt from the cashier or VAP-assigned payment center.
- j. The PhilHealth member or dependent shall return to the Vaccination Center for validation of the vaccine card.

V. Monitoring and Evaluation

- a. VAPs shall ensure the availability of their vaccines and shall inform the industry partner or the authorized distributor of the need for additional stocks.
- b. Quarterly reports as to number of avialment, compliance and outcomes shall be provided by the authorized distributor to industry partner and shall share the report to PhilHealth for monitoring purposes.
- c. Schedule for payments to the distributor by VAPs and replenishment of vaccine stocks shall be agreed upon by both VAP and the distributor.
- d. PhilHealth, in collaboration with the industry partner, shall develop and implement a monitoring and evaluation work plan and a client satisfaction or feedback mechanism for the program.

VI. EFFECTIVITY

This Circular shall take effect immediately. This shall be published in any newspaper of general circulation and deposited thereof with the National Administrative Register at the University of the Philippines Law Center.

Please be guided accordingly.

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Date signed: 2-7-14

