

TAMANG SAGOT

PhilHealth Circular No. 034 – 2015

Supplemental Guidelines and Clarifications on some of the Policies Related to Pneumonia-Moderate Risk and Pneumonia-High Risk

1. What is PhilHealth Circular 034 - 2015?

This provides supplemental guidelines for the reimbursement of claims for Pneumonia-moderate risk and Pneumonia-high risk.

2. Why is there a need to issue these supplemental guidelines?

This issuance was created to provide supplemental guidelines for claims of pneumonia-high risk and pneumonia-moderate risk of patients 0 to 18 years old and 364 days as well as for claims of pneumonia-high risk and pneumonia-moderate risk with disposition of either discharge against medical advice (DAMA), home against medical advice (HAMA) or absconded with less than four days (96 hours).

This issuance also provides clarification and reiteration of some of the policies related to pneumonia-high risk and pneumonia-moderate risk benefit availment.

3. What may be the cases of claims for Pneumonia-moderate risk or Pneumonia-high risk to be either paid or denied?

Example:

Case	Date of Confinements	Age of patient	Length of stay	Disposition	Remarks
1	December 8 – 11, 2015	25 y/o	3 days (70 hours)	DAMA	Deny
2	December 8 – 12, 2015	30 y/o	4 days (96 hours)	HAMA	Pay
3	September 16 – 18, 2015	24 y/o	3 days (70 hrs)	Improved	Deny
4	September 14 – 15, 2015	24 y/o	2 days (48 hrs)	Improved	Pay
5	September 17, 2015	81 y/o	1 day (20 hours)	Expired	Deny

6	September 18-19, 2015	80 y/o	2 days (30 hours)	Expired	Pay
7	December 8 – 12, 2015	12 y/o	4 days (80 hours)	Improved	Deny
8	December 8 – 12, 2015	15 y/o	4 days (96 hours)	Improved	Pay

For case no. 5, it shall be reimbursed as Resuscitation package.

4. Does the Circular apply only to community acquired pneumonia?

No. PC 34 applies to all cases of pneumonia moderate risk and pneumonia high risk as identified in all case rate annexes.

5. What are the other related policies on Pneumonia-moderate risk and Pneumonia-high risk benefit package?

Among the more recent, related issuances is PhilHealth Circular 023 – 2015: Policy Statements on the Diagnosis, Empiric Management, and Prevention of Community-Acquired Pneumonia (CAP) in Immunocompetent Adults. The Tamang Sagot of PhilHealth Circular 023 – 2015 may also be read as related reference document.

6. When is the effectivity of PhilHealth Circular 034-2015?

All provisions of previous issuances, circulars and directives that are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this circular for this particular circumstances wherein the same is exclusively applicable, are hereby amended, modified or repealed accordingly effective December 7, 2015.