

TAMANG SAGOT

PhilHealth Circular No. 005 -2015

PhilHealth Coverage for Confirmed Cases of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD)

1. What is Ebola Virus Disease?

- Ebola virus disease (EVD), formerly known as Ebola haemorrhagic fever, is a severe, often fatal illness in humans.
- The virus is transmitted to people from wild animals and spreads in the human population through human-to-human transmission.
- The average EVD case fatality rate is around 50%. Case fatality rates have varied from 25% to 90% in past outbreaks.
- The first EVD outbreaks occurred in remote villages in Central Africa, near tropical rainforests, but the most recent outbreak in West Africa has involved major urban as well as rural areas.
- Community engagement is key to successfully controlling outbreaks. Good outbreak control relies on applying a package of interventions, namely case management, surveillance and contact tracing, a good laboratory service, safe burials and social mobilisation.
- Early supportive care with rehydration, symptomatic treatment improves survival. There is as yet no licensed treatment proven to neutralize the virus but a range of blood, immunological and drug therapies are under development.
- There are currently no licensed Ebola vaccines but 2 potential candidates are undergoing evaluation

Source: WHO Media Centre (<http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs103/en/>)

2. What is a confirmed case of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD)?

A “confirmed” case refers to a positive confirmatory Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) test result done by the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM).

3. Who can avail of this benefit?

- a. PhilHealth members and dependents.
- b. Non PhilHealth members who qualify will be enrolled under point of care

All admissions for EVD starting January 1, 2015 will be covered. The required qualifying contributions and the 45 days benefit limit will be waived for availment of this benefit.

4. In what facility will EVD cases be treated to avail of this benefit?

This benefit may be availed of in an accredited HCI that has the capabilities and facilities to manage EVD, as required by the DOH EVD strategic plans (i.e. negative isolation room, respirators, etc).

5. How much is the EVD benefit?

The EVD Basic Package are for patients admitted with confirmed case of Ebola Virus Disease whose length of stay at the HCI is seven (7) days or less. This basic package has a total amount of Php110,000 broken down as follows:

Benefit Item	Amount (in Php)
HCI Fee	Php 85,400
Professional Fee	Php 19,600
Ambulance conduction	Php 5,000
Total Case Rate package	Php 110,000

However, if the patient needs to be confined beyond seven (7) days, it shall be reimbursed the amount of Php16,000 (see breakdown below) on a per day basis up to a maximum amount of Php112,000 in addition to the basic package of Php110,000.

Breakdown of Php16,000:

Benefit Item	Amount (in Php)
HCI Fee	13,200/day
Professional Fee	2,800/day
Total Case Rate package	16,000/day

Case Rate Summary for EVD Basic and Extended Packages

PACKAGE CODE	EVD PACKAGE TYPE	CONFINEMENT DAYS	CASE RATE (in Php)	PF (in Php)	HCI FEE (in Php)
EVD	EVD Basic Package	1 - 7	110,000	19,600	90,400
EVD08	EVD Extended Package	8	126,000	22,400	103,600
EVD09		9	142,000	25,200	116,800
EVD10		10	158,000	28,000	130,000
EVD11		11	174,000	30,800	143,200
EVD12		12	190,000	33,600	156,400
EVD13		13	206,000	36,400	164,600
EVD14		14 and beyond	222,000	39,200	182,800

6. What are the requirements in filing a claim?

- a. PhilHealth Benefit Eligibility Form (PBEF) and/or Completely and properly filled out and signed PhilHealth Claim Form 1
- b. Completely and properly filled out and signed PhilHealth Claim Form 2

- c. Completely and properly filled out and signed PhilHealth Claim Form 3
- d. For non-members availing of the benefit, PhilHealth Membership Registration Form (PMRF) must be properly accomplished and submitted. Those who qualify shall be enrolled under point of care as provided in PhilHealth Circular No. 32, s-2013.
- e. Positive confirmatory test result for Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) by RITM.

7. Sample illustration of EVD claim in the PhilHealth Claim Form 2 (CF 2)

Item No. 7 of CF 2 should be filled out as follows.

7. Discharge Diagnosis/es (Use additional CF2 if necessary):							
Diagnosis	ICD-10 Code/s	Related Procedure/s (if there's any)	RVS Code	Date of Procedure	Laterality (check applicable boxes)		
a. Ebola Virus Disease	A98.4	i. _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Left	<input type="checkbox"/> Right	<input type="checkbox"/> Both
_____	_____	ii. _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Left	<input type="checkbox"/> Right	<input type="checkbox"/> Both
_____	_____	iii. _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Left	<input type="checkbox"/> Right	<input type="checkbox"/> Both
b. _____	_____	i. _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Left	<input type="checkbox"/> Right	<input type="checkbox"/> Both
_____	_____	ii. _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Left	<input type="checkbox"/> Right	<input type="checkbox"/> Both
_____	_____	iii. _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Left	<input type="checkbox"/> Right	<input type="checkbox"/> Both
c. _____	_____	i. _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Left	<input type="checkbox"/> Right	<input type="checkbox"/> Both
_____	_____	ii. _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Left	<input type="checkbox"/> Right	<input type="checkbox"/> Both
_____	_____	iii. _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Left	<input type="checkbox"/> Right	<input type="checkbox"/> Both
d. _____	_____	i. _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Left	<input type="checkbox"/> Right	<input type="checkbox"/> Both
_____	_____	ii. _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Left	<input type="checkbox"/> Right	<input type="checkbox"/> Both
_____	_____	iii. _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Left	<input type="checkbox"/> Right	<input type="checkbox"/> Both

Item No. 9 of CF 2 should be filled out as follows.

9. PhilHealth Benefits	
ICD 10 or RVS Code: a. First Case Rate	EVD _____ b. Second Case Rate _____

8. How many days shall be deducted from the 45 days benefit allowance?

The total length of stay (LOS) for the EVD confinement shall be deducted from the 45 day benefit limit. Members who already exhausted their 45 days benefit allowance may still avail of the said benefit.