



PHILHEALTH CIRCULAR

No. 034-2015

TO : ALL PHILHEALTH MEMBERS, ACCREDITED HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS (HCPs), PHILHEALTH REGIONAL OFFICES (PROs), AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

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

I. SPECIFIC GUIDELINES

A. The following are supplemental guidelines for Pneumonia-moderate risk and Pneumonia-high risk:

POLICY PROVISIONS	EFFECTIVITY
Claims for Pneumonia-moderate risk or Pneumonia-high risk of patients with age 0 to 18 years and 364 days shall only be reimbursed if the length of stay is at least 4 days (96 hours). Otherwise, the claim shall be denied.	Claims for admissions starting December 7, 2015
Claims for Pneumonia-moderate risk or Pneumonia-high risk with disposition of discharge against medical advice (DAMA), home against medical advice (HAMA) or absconded with less than 4 days (96 hours) confinement shall be denied.	Claims for admissions starting December 7, 2015

B. The following are clarifications/reiterations on some of the policies related to Pneumonia-moderate risk or Pneumonia-high risk:

1. The requirement of at least 4 days (96 hours) confinement shall apply to all claims for Pneumonia-moderate risk or Pneumonia-high risk of patients 19 years old and above. Otherwise, it shall be denied. This became effective for admissions starting September 15, 2015.
2. Claims for Pneumonia-moderate risk or Pneumonia-high risk wherein the patient expired and with length of stay of at least 24 hours but less than 4 days (96 hours), regardless of the age of the patient shall be reimbursed the full case rate amount as applicable following the existing rules on reimbursement.
3. Claims for confinements of less than 24 hours (including confinements for Pneumonia-moderate risk or Pneumonia-high risk) where the patient expired shall still be reimbursed as resuscitation package following the existing rules of the Corporation.

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4. Provisions stipulated in PhilHealth Circular 23 s-2015: Policy Statements on the Diagnosis, Empiric Management, and Prevention of Community-Acquired Pneumonia (CAP) in Immunocompetent Adults as Reference by the Corporation in Ensuring Quality of Care shall serve as a guide to health care practitioners. However, specific provisions maybe explicitly stated to affect reimbursement i.e denial of claims for Pneumonia-moderate risk or Pneumonia-high risk with less than 4 days confinement.
5. Paid claims prior to the effectivity of the requirement of at least 4 days confinement for Pneumonia-moderate risk or Pneumonia-high risk shall be subjected to monitoring/validation by the Corporation pursuant to PhilHealth Circular 31, s-2014 : Health Care Provider Performance Assessment System (HCP PAS).

II. REPEALING CLAUSE

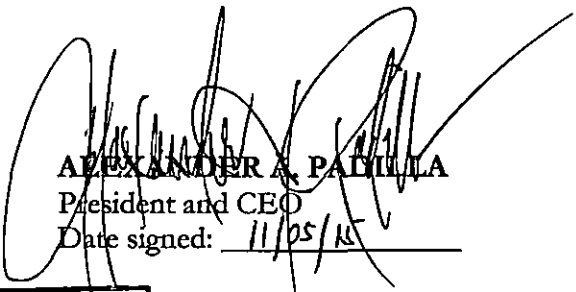
All provisions of previous issuances, circulars, and directives that are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Circular for this particular circumstance wherein the same is exclusively applicable, are hereby amended, modified or repealed accordingly.

III. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

In the event that a part or provision of this Circular is declared unauthorized or rendered invalid by any Court of Law or competent authority, those provisions not affected by such declaration shall remain valid and effective.

IV. EFFECTIVITY

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


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Date signed: 11/05/15

