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**PHILHEALTH CIRCULAR**

No. 2017-0018

**TO : ALL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT : Accreditation of Medical Detoxification Package Providers**

**I. RATIONALE**

The Philippine Health Agenda 2016 – 2022 guarantees population and individual-level interventions for all life stages that promote health and wellness and facilitate rehabilitation among others. In support of the government’s efforts in the fight against drugs and long term abstinence from illicit drugs, PhilHealth shall ensure availability and access of victims of substance use and abuse to medical detoxification through accreditation of providers of the medical detoxification package.

**II. OBJECTIVE**

This Circular shall provide the guidelines on accreditation of providers for the medical detoxification package.

**III. COVERAGE**

This Circular shall apply to government hospitals (levels 1, 2 and 3) and freestanding government DOH licensed/ certified Drug Abuse Treatment and Rehabilitation Centers (DATRC) which endeavor/ undertake to deliver the medical detoxification package.

**IV. GUIDELINES**

- A. PhilHealth accredited government hospitals (levels 1, 2 and 3) which endeavor/ undertake to deliver the medical detoxification package shall submit to PhilHealth a letter of intent (LOI) to be a provider of the package. During subsequent application for continuous accreditation of the hospital, the said package shall be included in the services that the HCI shall provide as reflected in the HCI’s performance commitment.
- B. Freestanding government DOH licensed/ certified Drug Abuse Treatment and Rehabilitation Centers (DATRC) may apply as package provider by submitting the following:
  1. Updated DOH license/ certification as a drug abuse and rehabilitation center;
  2. Completely filled-out provider data record (PDR) indicating the services it provides;
  3. Fully accomplished and signed Performance Commitment (PC), revision 2 (attached to PhilHealth Circular No. 013 – 2015) indicating the drug abuse treatment and rehabilitation as one of the services it provides;
  4. Signed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with referral hospital for mandatory and diagnostic services and management of co-morbidities.

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- C. Accredited providers may continuously participate in the National Health Insurance Program (NHIP), until withdrawn or terminated based on the rules set by PhilHealth, by submitting the requirements during the prescribed filing period.
- D. All providers of the medical detoxification package shall not be subjected to pre-accreditation survey but shall be subjected to the rules of the Health Care Provider Assessment System (HCP PAS). The head of the licensed/ certified drug abuse rehabilitation centers shall be PhilHealth accredited.

**V. PENALTY CLAUSE**

Any violation of this Circular, the terms and conditions of the Performance Commitment and all existing related PhilHealth circulars, advisories and directives shall be dealt with and penalized in accordance with the pertinent provisions of RA 7875, as amended, and its Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations.

**VI. REPEALING CLAUSE**

All provisions of existing issuances that are not affected by this Circular shall remain valid and effective.

**VII. DATE OF EFFECTIVITY**

This circular shall take effect fifteen (15) days from publication in the Official Gazette or any newspaper of general circulation and thereafter deposited with the National Administrative Register at the University of the Philippines Law Center.

All PhilHealth offices through the Corporate Communications Department, and Public Affairs Units and the Health Care Delivery and Management Divisions of the PROs shall ensure appropriate and massive information campaign efforts regarding this issuance.

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