

TAMANG SAGOT

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Accreditation of Stand-Alone HIV Treatment Hubs and Satellite Treatment Hubs as Providers of PhilHealth Outpatient HIV/AIDS (OHAT) Package

1. What is PhilHealth Outpatient HIV/AIDS Treatment (OHAT) Package?

PhilHealth Outpatient HIV/AIDS Treatment (OHAT) Package is an out-patient benefit package for people living with HIV (PLHIV) needing anti-retroviral treatment (ART) based on the current treatment guidelines prescribed by the Department of Health (DOH). The policy is defined in PhilHealth Circular 011-2015.

2. What are Stand-alone HIV Treatment Hubs and Satellite Treatment Hubs?

Stand-alone HIV and satellite treatment hubs are health care institutions operating independently from a PhilHealth- accredited facility. They are recognized as such by the DOH and are responsible to provide ART and other services to PLHIVs based on current treatment guidelines. Satellite treatment hubs are also called primary HIV Care facilities.

In order to increase the access of PhilHealth members and dependents to the OHAT Package, PhilHealth will engage these facilities as providers of the Package.

3. What is the significance of these stand-alone HIV Treatment Hubs to patients?

The accreditation of stand-alone HIV treatment hub in addition to the existing one means greater access to member and patients who are living with HIV

4. How can one know if the facility is accredited to provide OHAT Package?

The list of accredited HIV/AIDS treatment hubs are posted in our website (http://www.philhealth.gov.ph/partners/providers/institutional/accredited/hivt-hubs_092017.pdf). You may also visit the nearest PhilHealth office for verification.

5. If a facility becomes an accredited - Stand-Alone Treatment Hub, what benefit packages can they provide?

They may only claim and reimburse for Out-patient HIV/AIDS Treatment Package.

6. If a facility is a ready PhilHealth accredited hospital and recognized as the same time as an HIV Treatment Hub providing care for PLHIVs including ART, does it need to apply for another accreditation to be able to claim for OHAT Package?

No. There is no need to apply for a separate accreditation. However, you have to sign and submit a new performance commitment to PhilHealth indicating OHAT as one of your services. To facilitate updating of the facility's profile, please include a copy of the certificate from DOH or the particular DOH Memorandum that includes your facility on the list of its recognized treatment Hubs.

7. Suppose a facility will be accredited as a Stand-Alone Treatment Hub then in the future it will be able to provide and be given certification as TB-DOTS Facility, can they also claim for PhilHealth TB-DOTS Package?

No. You have to apply for a separate accreditation as TB-DOTS to be able to claim for TB-DOTS Package. However, in the subsequent year, you may already submit your documents for renewal for both services at the same time.

8. What are the documents that a facility needs to submit for accreditation?

- For initial accreditation, the following documents are needed:
 - i. Signed and properly accomplished Performance Commitment;
 - ii. Properly accomplished Provider Data Record (PDR);
 - iii. Participation fee Php 1,000.00;
 - iv. Electronic copies of recent photos of the facility (both interior and outside surroundings);
 - v. Location map; and
 - vi. Certification from DOH as Treatment Hub/Satellite Treatment Hub/Primary HIV Care Facility or a copy of the latest DOH Department Memorandum on the list of recognized facilities

- For renewal of application, submit the following documents from January 1 to 31 of the succeeding year:
 - i. Signed and properly accomplished Performance Commitment;
 - ii. Properly accomplished PDR;
 - iii. Participation fee Php 1,000.00;
 - iv. Certification from DOH as Treatment Hub/Satellite Treatment Hub/Primary HIV Care Facility or a copy of the latest DOH Department Memorandum on the list of recognized facilities;
 - v. Latest audited financial statement (submit on or before June 30 of the succeeding accreditation cycle)

9. Should physicians providing health services in treatment hubs be accredited also with PhilHealth?

To be able to file a claim, it is a requirement that the health care institution and the health care professional practicing are both PhilHealth-accredited.

For accreditation of health care professionals, please refer to PhilHealth Circular 10, s-2014 (The New Accreditation Process for Health Care Professionals and Guidelines for Credentialing and Privileging of Professionals).

10. Where should one submit documents for application/renewal of accreditation?

Documents may be submitted to the nearest PhilHealth Office. Visit (https://www.philhealth.gov.ph/about_us/map/regional.htm) for the location of these offices.

11. Are there other related PhilHealth policies a newly or prospective accredited should know?

PhilHealth has issued several policies related to accreditation and claims filing that also apply to Stand-Alone HIV Treatment Hubs. Among these are the following:

- No Balance Billing
 - Strengthening the Implementation of No Balance Billing Policy (Revision 2) (PhilHealth Circular 2017-0017)
- Accreditation
 - Provider Engagement through Accreditation and Contracting for Health Services (PhilHealth Circular 54, 2-2012)
 - The New Accreditation Process for Health Care Professionals and Guidelines for Credentialing and Privileging of Professionals (PhilHealth Circular 10, s-2014)
 - Accreditation of Nurses for Maternal and Child Health Services (Revision 1) (PhilHealth Circular 2017-0023)
- Monitoring and Evaluation
 - Health care Provider Assessment System (Revision 1) (PhilHealth Circular 2016-0026)
- Claims Processing and Payment
 - Enhanced Health Care Institution Portal (formerly known as Institutional Health Care Provider Portal) (PhilHealth Circular 002-2014)
 - Full implementation of Electronic Clams System (PhilHealth Circular 2016-0016)
 - Implementation of Auto-Credit Payment Scheme (ACPS) to All Health Care Institutions (PhilHealth Circular 2017-0020)
 - Submission of Statement of Account (SOA) or its equivalent for All Case Rate Claims Reimbursement (Revision 1) (PhilHealth Circular 2017- 0014)

All accredited HCIs and HCPs are encouraged to regularly visit www.philhealth.gov.ph where PhilHealth posts all its circulars, advisories and news updates, including the appropriate forms to download for accreditation.

Further inquiries may be referred to the 24/7 Corporate Action Center Hotline (02) 441-7442 or visit the following link (https://www.philhealth.gov.ph/about_us/map-regional.htm).