

ANNEX A: Selection Criteria



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SELECTION CRITERIA

This section presents the concept, methods of the sampling design of the costing activity. It includes information about the unit of enumeration, taxonomy of health facility, scope and coverage, and sampling frame.

Unit of Enumeration

The unit of enumeration in this costing activity is a health facility. Health facility is defined here as any health care establishment offering programs or services inpatient or outpatient that are promotive, preventive, curative or rehabilitative services. In general, it is where healthcare is provided. Health facilities range from small clinics which include other health facilities or specialized clinics such as Ambulatory Surgical Clinics, Diagnostic Clinics, Treatment Center, Dialysis Center, Birthing clinics, and other hand doctor's offices to urgent care centers and large hospitals with elaborate emergency rooms and trauma centers.

Taxonomy of Healthcare Facilities

In health care delivery system of the Philippines, health facilities are further subdivided into different categories:

A. By Services Provided:

- a. General Hospitals - These are hospitals that provide services for all kinds of illnesses, injuries or infirmities. It is composed primarily of outpatient department, emergency, family and community medicine, pediatrics, internal medicine, obstetrics-gynecology, surgery including diagnostics, and laboratory services, imaging facility and pharmacy.
- b. Specialty Hospitals - Tertiary hospitals which specializes in the treatment of patients suffering from a particular condition requiring a range of treatment (e.g. Phil. Orthopaedic Centre, National Centre for Mental Health); patients suffering from disease of a particular organ or groups of organ (e.g. Lung Center of the Philippines, Phil. Heart Centre); or patients belonging to a particular group such as children, women, or elderly (National Children's Hospital, Dr. Jose Fabella Memorial Medical Centre). Tertiary care facilities located all over the country serve as referral hospitals in the different regions of the country and provide anticipated range of tertiary services.



B. By Service Capability:

- a. Level 1 – hospitals that at most have isolation facilities, maternity, dental clinics, 1st level X-ray, secondary clinical laboratory with consulting pathologist, blood station, and pharmacy.
- b. Level 2 – includes departmentalized clinical services, respiratory units, ICU, NICU, and HRP, clinical laboratory, and 2nd level x-ray.
- c. Level 3 – includes teaching/training/research, physical medicine and rehabilitation science, ambulatory surgery, dialysis, tertiary laboratory, blood bank and 3rd level X-ray.

C. By Ownership

- a. Government – A public hospital or government hospital is a hospital which is owned by a government and receives government funding.
- b. Private – A private hospital is a hospital owned by a for-profit company or a non-profit organization and privately funded through payment for medical services by patients themselves, by insurers, governments through national health insurance programs, or by foreign embassies.

Additional Considerations in the Selection Criteria

To make the costing as comprehensive as possible, representative healthcare providers shall be selected nationwide to accommodate differences in rates among different regions. Moreover, recommendation from PhilHealth Regional Offices (PROs) was considered as to the number of claims submitted with established good relations with PROs and are believed and willing to work with PhilHealth was given priority.

Moreover, the healthcare provider should have a reputable information system to accommodate the requirements of the system for this undertaking.

To hold the best interest of all concerned stakeholders, healthcare providers under investigation or with pending case/s upon coordination with partners in the regional offices, shall be given the opportunity to free its institutions of such investigation or pending case prior to inclusion in costing activities.

Scope and Coverage

For the nationwide rollout costing activity, representativeness of the health care facilities and heterogeneity of the health care facilities by considering the level of health facilities (preferably levels 1-3 hospitals).

Sampling frame

The sampling frame will be extracted from the List of Health Facilities retrieved in Integrated PhilHealth Accreditation System (IPAS). As this activity is more of concern on the cost of the services in the major hospitals in the country, the sampling frame is further trimmed down into a list of health facilities that are classified into levels 1-3 only.

