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DECS MEMORANDUM
No 248 s 1999

**INCREASED MEDICARE BENEFITS UNDER THE NATIONAL
HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM**

To Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau/ Service/Center Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Superintendents

1 For the information of all concerned, enclosed is a copy of PhilHealth Circular No 52, series of 1999, effecting a new round of increases in Medicare benefits under the National Health Insurance Program

2 All qualified NHIP members may now avail of the increased benefits for medical care services in accordance with the attached schedule

3 Wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired


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Reference None
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To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects

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PHILHEALTH CIRCULAR
 No 54, series of 1999

May 10, 1999

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM IN THE PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT SECTORS, ACCREDITED INSTITUTIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, REGIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE OFFICES, PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT SECTOR EMPLOYERS, LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS WITH INDIGENT MOAs, OWWA AND ALL CONCERNED

SUBJ Increase in Medicare Benefit Amounts Under the National Health Insurance Program

EFFECTIVE immediately the maximum benefit amounts for medical care services under the National Health Insurance Program (NHIP) are hereby increased to make the Program more responsive to the health care needs of its members. The new benefit schedules are as follows:

For Private Sector Members (including Overseas Filipino Workers) and their Dependents

Benefit Item	Primary Hospital	Secondary Hospital	Tertiary Hospital
ROOM & BOARD	120	220	345
DRUGS & MEDICINES			
1 Ordinary Case	1 165	1 595	2 870
2 Intensive Case	2 430	3 280	7 680
3 Catastrophic Case	0	6 575	11 885
X RAY LAB ETC			
1 Ordinary Case	305	760	1 625
2 Intensive Case	590	1 680	3 405
3 Catastrophic Case	0	3 405	9 810
DOCTOR'S FEES			
1 Ordinary Case			
a Gen Practitioner	540	540	540
b Specialist	810	810	810
2 Intensive/Catastrophic			
a Gen Practitioner	810	810	810
b Specialist	1 350	1 350	1 350
OTHERS			
1 Hospital (OR)			
a RUV 5 & below	385	670	1 060
b RUV 5.1 to 10		1 140	1 350
c RUV above 10		2 160	3 480

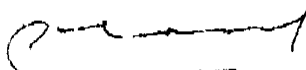
Benefit Package	Primary Hospital	Secondary Hospital	Tertiary Hospital
2 Doctor a Surgeon b Anesthesiologist	Maximum of P15 930 RUV - 420 Maximum of P4 785		
SURGICAL FAMILY PLANNING 1 Vasectomy 2 Tubal Ligation	900 1 125	900 1 125	900 1 125

For Government Sector and Indigent Program Members and their Dependents

Benefit Item	Primary Hospital	Secondary Hospital	Tertiary Hospital
ROOM & BOARD	90	170	255
DRUGS & MEDICINES			
1 Ordinary Case	1 095	1 550	1 955
2 Intensive Case	2 050	2 650	5 610
3 Catastrophic Case	0	5 745	8 750
X RAY LAB ETC			
1 Ordinary Case	230	590	1 295
2 Intensive Case	495	1 360	2 650
3 Catastrophic Case	0	2 550	8 520
DOCTOR'S FEES			
1 Ordinary Case			
a Gen Practitioner	425	425	425
b Specialist	600	600	600
2 Intensive/Catastrophic			
a Gen Practitioner	600	600	600
b Specialist	990	990	990
OTHERS			
1 Hospital (OR)			
a RUV 5 & below	235	405	645
b RUV 5-1 to 10		885	1 050
c RUV above 10		2 020	2 710
2 Doctor	Maximum of P10 620 RUV = 420 Maximum of P3 185		
a Surgeon			
b Anesthesiologist			
SURGICAL FAMILY PLANNING			
1 Vasectomy	660	660	660
2 Tubal Ligation	825	825	825

All accredited health care providers are advised to use the new benefit schedule in granting Medicare benefits to qualified NHIP members.

Please be guided accordingly. Thank you


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