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**AMENDMENT TO PHILHEALTH CIRCULAR NO. 30, S. 2009 AND 15
S. 2001 ON THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A PARTNER PHYSICIAN
(GUIDELINES FOR ACCREDITATION OF PROVIDERS FOR THE
MATERNITY AND NEWBORN CARE PACKAGE)**

To facilitate accreditation of non-hospital institutional providers and improve member access to maternal and neonatal care packages, the following amendments to PhilHealth Circular No. 15, s. 2001, which is the guideline for accreditation of out-patient clinics, physicians and midwives for low risk maternity care package, specifically item A no. 2.6, and to PhilHealth Circular No. 30, s. 2009, which is the guideline for accreditation of providers for maternity and newborn care package, specifically item A no. 2.6.3 relative to the requirement of an on-call partner physician of professional provider, shall be applied.

I. System of Referral for Complicated Obstetric and Pediatric Cases

To ensure that continuity of care and appropriate referral practices are performed and to qualify for accreditation as provider for the maternity care package (MCP), the facility shall have any of the following options:

A. Partner Physicians:

The professional provider (midwife or physician) shall have two partner physicians who shall accept referrals and provide further management for complicated obstetric and pediatric cases. There shall be one partner physician for obstetric cases and one partner physician for newborn cases who are both accredited by PhilHealth. However, if the professional provider is a diplomate or fellow of the Philippine Obstetrical and Gynecological Society (POGS) or the Philippine Pediatric Society (PPS), he/she may have only one partner physician as guided by Table No. 1 below. This arrangement should be supported by a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the professional provider and the partner physician/s which should be presented to PhilHealth during the accreditation survey.

Table No. 1

MCP Clinic Owner/Provider	Partner Physician
Licensed Midwife	1 for obstetric cases, 1 for pediatric cases
Physician other than a diplomate or Fellow of the POGS or the PPS	1 for obstetric cases, 1 for pediatric cases