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**PHILHEALTH COVERAGE FOR CONFIRMED CASES OF NOVEL
INFLUENZA A (H1N1) IN HUMANS**

The Novel Influenza A (H1N1) outbreak is evolving rapidly and affecting different regions. Its phases include the mild form of influenza like illness (ILI) to the more severe and complicated forms. To mitigate the direct medical cost for the medical treatment of complicated human cases of novel Influenza A (H1N1), PhilHealth through Board Resolution Number 1260, s. 2009 approved a new benefit for PhilHealth members and dependents infected with the Influenza A (H1N1) virus with complication or co-morbidities requiring hospitalization.

Availment of the ***Influenza A (H1N1)*** is governed by the following rules:

A. INFLUENZA A (H1N1) BENEFIT

1. The benefit is limited to PhilHealth members and dependents with novel swine-origin influenza A (H1N1) virus infection confirmed by the Department of Health (DOH).
2. Hospitalization benefit for PhilHealth members and dependents is set at a maximum of 75,000 pesos.
3. The benefit is set at a maximum of 150,000 pesos for qualified health care workers (HCWs), who:
 - a. Rendered service in a DOH-designated hospital for Influenza A (H1N1) and
 - b. Contracted the disease while performing their duties and or caring for an Influenza A (H1N1) patient as certified or attested by DOH
- Qualified dependents of HCWs who also contracted the disease shall be provided the benefit enumerated in Section A.2 of this Circular.
4. The Influenza A (H1N1) benefit covers payment for the following:

	Members/Dependents	HCW
Room and Board	1,500 per day Max = 10,000	1,500 per day Max = 20,000
Drugs/Medicines	50,000	100,000
X-ray, Laboratory and Others -Supplies including personal protective		

<i>Equipments (PPE) - Transfer services (Ambulance)</i>		
Operating Room Fee	1,000 per day	1,000 per day
Professional Fee	Max = 15,000	Max=30,000

5. The use of operating room complex and other medically-necessary care may also be covered provided that the total cost shall not exceed the amount of P75,000.00 and 150,000 for HCW.

6. The benefit may be availed by all qualified PhilHealth members and dependents including cases confined abroad.

7. Except for confinements abroad, this benefit covers only cases admitted in hospitals designated by DOH as referral centers (national, sub-national and satellite) for Influenza A (H1N1) and other emerging and re-emerging diseases.

8. Patients admitted in private hospitals may be covered for Influenza A (H1N1) provided that confirmatory tests were coordinated with or confirmed by the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM) or with DOH Center for Health Development (DOH-CHD) or other DOH certified laboratory.

B. EXCLUSIONS

Excluded from this package are the following:

- a. Probable and case under observation of Influenza A (H1N1)
- b. All cases of Influenza A (H1N1) admitted in hospitals not designated by DOH
- c. Influenza-like illnesses (ILI) and
- d. Other seasonal outbreaks of Influenza by established flu virus (e.g., H1N2, H5N1)
 - *The above-mentioned exclusions (2.a-2.d) are covered by the regular hospitalization benefit of PhilHealth based on the case type of the illness.*
- e. Systematic Acute Respiratory Syndrome caused by SARS CoV that is covered by the SARS package (RVS Code 99501)
- f. Avian influenza A virus (H5N1) and other subtypes of avian influenza that are covered by the avian influenza (bird flu) package (RVS Code 99502)

C. BENEFIT AVAILMENT

1 . All claims applications for the Influenza A (H1N1) are required to indicate ICD-10 codes in Claim Form 2. Claim form with no ICD-10 codes will not be processed by PhilHealth.