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**SUPPLEMENTAL GUIDELINES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
OUTPATIENT CONSULTATION AND DIAGNOSTIC BENEFIT  
PACKAGE (OPB), PHILHEALTH CIRCULAR NO. 040, SERIES OF  
2000**

To facilitate the implementation of the Outpatient Consultation and Diagnostic Benefit Package, PhilHealth Circular No. 040, series of 2000, is hereby amended, as follows:

**I. COVERAGE**

Article 1.3 of the Outpatient Consultation and Diagnostic Benefit Package (OPB) is hereby amended, to wit:

As a strategy towards the achievement of the Corporation's mandate of universal coverage, the Outpatient Consultation and Diagnostic Benefit Package shall be implemented nationwide, subject to the health service capability of Local Government Units (LGUs) and the Corporation's work program, to cover all Indigent Program members. Priority shall be given to Local Government Units identified as Health Sector Reform Agenda (HSRA) Convergence Sites and Urban Areas defined in Article II, Paragraph C of PhilHealth Circular No. 21, series of 2001.

**II. IMPLEMENTING PROCEDURE/REPLICATION RULES**

1. Implementation in LGUs other than the priority areas shall be subject to the following parameters:
  - a. The percentage of Rural Health Units/Health Centers (RHUs/HCs) with capability to implement the package;
  - b. The accessibility of LGU-owned and managed hospitals from RHUs/HCs, based on fare and travel time, without capability to implement the package; and
  - c. The number of indigent households enrolled in the LGU (enrollment threshold), which should be greater than or equal to two hundred (200) households per RHU/HC or a reasonable number as may be determined by the Corporation in OPB priority areas.
2. Implementation in identified priority areas shall be undertaken as soon as a Memorandum of Agreement is signed by the PhilHealth President and CEO and the concerned Local Chief Executive. However, pre-assessment of RHUs/HCs shall be undertaken by PhilHealth to determine the operational set-up by which the OPB services shall be provided.

**III. BENEFITS**