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### CLARIFICATIONS ON PHILHEALTH BENEFITS FOR DIALYSIS

Please be guided by the following clarifications for outpatient dialysis procedures performed in PhilHealth accredited facilities:

#### I. General Rules:

- Based on the Manual of Surgical and other Procedures, it is reiterated that PhilHealth covers the following procedures in accredited hospitals and freestanding dialysis centers (FDCs):

CODE	DESCRIPTIVE TERMS	RVU
90935	Hemodialysis procedure	10
90945	Dialysis procedure other than hemodialysis (e.g. peritoneal, hemofiltration)	10

- The maximum amount of benefits for the abovementioned procedures shall be based on the following table:

BENEFIT*	SECONDARY HOSPITALS/FDCS	TERTIARY HOSPITAL
Drugs and Medicines	8,000 pesos*	16,000 pesos*
X-ray, Lab and Supplies	4,000 pesos*	14,000 pesos*
Dialysis Room Fee	670 pesos/sessions 2,160 pesos*	1,060/session; 3,490 pesos*
Professional Fee	40 pesos/RVU; maximum of 16,000 pesos*	

\*Per single period of confinement

- The rule on 45-day allowance per year applies to dialysis benefits, and for this reason, benefits availment including dialysis for each member/patient shall not exceed forty-five (45) days in a year.
- Dialysis benefits are also covered by the rule on single period of confinement (SPC) where patients with repeat procedures with interval of less than ninety (90) days within a calendar year shall not be given a new benefit allowance and can only avail of the unused benefit.
- Patient shall only be given a new benefit after a 90-day period from initial dialysis.

Sample Applications of SPC on Dialysis Room benefit in FDC; 2 dialysis sessions/

BENEFIT FDCS	UNUSED BENEFIT	PHILHEALTH PAYMENT
Dialysis Room Fee	2,160 pesos per single period of confinement	
Session 1	2,160 pesos	670 pesos
Session 2	1,490 pesos	670 pesos
Session 3	820 pesos	670 pesos
Session 4	150 pesos	150 pesos
Session 5 to session 26	0	0
90 days after Session 1	new 2,160 pesos per single period of confinement	
Session 27	2,160 pesos	670 pesos
Session 28	1,490 pesos	670 pesos

#### II. Benefit Items:

- Room and board charges are not covered in outpatient dialysis procedures performed in hospitals and FDCs
- Only dialysis solutions included in the latest edition of the Philippine National Drug Formulary (PNDF) shall be reimbursed by PhilHealth and will be charged against the benefit for drugs and medicines.
- Claims for drugs and medicines used that are considered medically necessary (e.g. anti-hypertensive, anti-diabetics, and erythropoietin) may be reimbursed.
- Only laboratory procedures and supplies considered necessary shall be covered.
- Claims for drugs, supplies and laboratory procedures bought by members shall be reimbursed if there are still unused benefits provided they are used on the day of dialysis session and is supported by official receipts.
- All official receipts for drugs, supplies and laboratory procedures dated thirty (30) days prior to date of claimed sessions shall be reimbursed within the allowable benefit limit.
- The use of dialysis room shall be paid as Dialysis Room/Operating Room Fee based on Relative Value Unit (RVU) of the procedure. Benefits for dialysis room fee are subject to the rule on single period of confinement.

#### A. Hemodialysis

- Each session of hemodialysis shall be charged 1 day against the 45-day room and board allowance.
- Payment for professional fee shall be 400 pesos/session based on the RVU of the procedure (90935) and is also subject to the rule on single period confinement.