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**PHILHEALTH MATERNITY CARE PACKAGE FOR NORMAL
SPONTANEOUS DELIVERY (NSD) PERFORMED IN NON-HOSPITAL
FACILITIES**

Pursuant to PhilHealth Board Resolutions Nos. 486 and 501 series of 2002 and to properly guide all concerned in the implementation of the new PhilHealth Maternity Care Package for normal spontaneous delivery (NSD), PhilHealth hereby issue its implementing guidelines for your reference effective to maternity care services initiated on May 1, 2003.

GENERAL RULES:

1. The following non-hospital health facilities shall be accredited by PhilHealth before they can provide the NSD package: Lying-in CLinics, Midwife-managed Clinics, Birthing Homes, or any other analogous Health facilities.
2. Currently accredited Rural Health Unit (RHU) and Ambulatory Surgical Clinics (ASC) shall also be allowed to provide the NSD package; provided, that they comply with all the requirements enumerated in PhilHealth Circular Nos. 15, s. 2001 and 09, s. 2003. No additional accreditation fee shall be imposed on currently accredited RHU and ASC for their accreditation as providers of the NSD package.
3. The new PhilHealth Maternity Care Package for normal spontaneous delivery utilizes a case payment scheme in claims reimbursement. The Relative Value Unit (RVU) assigned for these procedures (Relative Value Scale code number 59409) shall no longer apply.
4. Pursuant to PhilHealth Board Resolution No. 501, this package shall only be limited to the first two (2) normal deliveries.
5. A case rate of 4,500 pesos shall be paid to accredited health care providers.
6. For this fee, accredited providers shall provide all the services the member or dependent requires including prenatal care, delivery, newborn care and postnatal services.
7. The payment for the health facility is expected to cover for the necessary room and board, drugs and medicines, diagnostics, operating room, professional fees and all other medically necessary care. Services rendered for maternal complications during delivery is integrated in the package.