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**INCREASE IN NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE (NHI) BENEFITS  
OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS (OFWs) AND DEPENDENTS**

Pursuant to Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PHIC) Circular No. 9, Series of 1996, advising the concerned offices to disseminate information regarding the new NHI benefits of OFWs and their legal dependents, the following benefits and corresponding increased rates are hereby issued for the guidance of all concerned:

**Particular Benefit**

I. Room and Board not exceeding 45 days for each member and another 45 days to be shared by his dependents	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
1. Primary Care Hospitals	P55/day	P85/day
2. Secondary Care Hospitals	100/day	150/day
3. Tertiary Care Hospitals	145/day	220/day
II. Medical Expense benefit per single period confinement		
1. For ordinary cases		
a. Drugs and Medicines		
Primary	595	895
Secondary	790	1,185
Tertiary	1,015	1,525
b. X-ray/Lab/Others		
Primary	150	225
Secondary	360	540
Tertiary	635	955
2. Intensive Cases		
a. Drugs and Medicines		
Primary	1,350	2,025
Secondary	1,620	2,430
Tertiary	2,915	4,375
b. X-ray/Lab/Others		
Primary	325	490
Secondary	630	1,245
Tertiary	1,280	1,890