Revised Guidelines for the PhilHealth Outpatient TB DOTS Benefit Package

Circular 14 s-2014 Quality Assurance Group Product Teams - MDG





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- Accreditation
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- Monitoring and Evaluation





RATIONALE





PhilHealth Issuances re: TB DOTS

ISSUANCE	DESCRIPTION
Board Resolution # 485 and 490 of 2002	Established the case rate benefit for out-patient TB-DOTS package amounting to 4,000 pesos
PC 17, s-2003	Provided the guidelines for the accreditation of Directly Observed Therapy Short Course (DOTS) facilities
PC 19, s-2003	Enhanced the TB-DOTS Package to include new cases, pediatric and extra- pulmonary TB
PC 36, s-2003	Created additional guidelines for processing of TB DOTS Package Claim Applications
PC 20 , s-2004	Created guidelines in designating the TB-CIS Registry Number
PC 8, s-2006	Created amendments to accreditation of TB-DOTS Facilities
PC 13, s-2006	Created ICD-10 Coding guidelines for TB
PC 18, s-2011	Provided the guidelines for diagnosis of TB in children aged 0-9 years old
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National TB Program

- Philippine Plan Against Tuberculosis (PhilPACT) 2010-2016
 - Formalized strategic directions to sustain the gains of the TB control program and achieve Millennium Development Goals for TB
- National Tuberculosis Program Manual of Procedures
 - Created the processes in DOTS implementation in support of the objectives and strategies in the PhilPACT
- DOH Department Memorandum 2011-0218
 - TBDC recommendation is not mandatory to start treatment
- DOH Department Memorandum 2013-0021
 - Two sputum samples only for AFB examinations





PhilHealth TB DOTS Package

- TB DOTS Package remains underutilized
- The National Health Insurance Act of 2013 strengthens the role of PhilHealth to provide financial access to health care and for health care providers to improve their health services





General Objectives of the Revised PhilHealth TB DOTS Benefit Package

- To expand the benefit to cover other TB cases that are sensitive to first line anti-TB drugs
- To **align** the TB DOTS Package with the current policies and guidelines for TB control
- To strengthen the financial mechanism as leverage for better performance of providers leading to desired health outcomes and sustained TB control





GENERAL GUIDELINES





General Guidelines

Treatment Guidelines

- Must be according to the Guidelines of National TB Control Program
 - Manual of Procedures
- Coverage (of cases)
- All 1st line drug susceptible TB
 - New case and retreatment cases
- Coverage (of services)
- Diagnostic exam, consultation, drugs, health education during treatment





Claims Payment

Case Payment P 4,000.00

(paid directly to the DOTS center)

1st PAYMENT P 2,500.00 after the Intensive Phase



2nd PAYMENT P 1,500.00 after the Continuation Phase



Inclusion vs Exclusion

Covered in TB DOTS Package

- Pulmonary and extrapulmonary
- Adult and Children
- Registration Groups
 - New
 - Retreatment
 - Relapse
 - Treatment After Failure
 - Treatment After Lost to Follow-up (Return After Default)
 - Previous Treatment
 Outcome Unknown

Not Covered by TB DOTS Package

- In-patient admissions
- Drug resistant TB
- Latent TB Infection



ACCREDITATION





Accreditation of TB DOTS Provider

REQUIREMENTS

	Performance Commitment				
	Provider Data Record				
	 Proof of payment of accreditation fee 				
Initial	• Electronic copies of photos (in jpg format) of the internal				
accreditation	and external areas of the facilities				
	Statement of Intent				
	 Updated DOH-PhilCAT Certificate 				
	Location map				
	Performance Commitment				
Continuous	 Updated DOH PhilCAT TB DOTS Certificate 				
	 Latest Audited Financial Statement 				
accreditation	 Proof of payment of accreditation fee 				
	(submitted annually on or before January 31 st of the year)				



Accreditation of TB-DOTS Physicians

"PhilHealth Circular 31, s-2013 Section VI.B states that professional services must be provided by accredited health care professionals"

• Policy:

YEAR	POLICY
2014	 Accreditation of TB DOTS physicians shall be a requirement for initial and re-accreditation Currently accredited TB DOTS facilities shall have their physicians accredited by July 31, 2014
2015	 Accreditation of TB DOTS physicians shall be a requirement for all continuous, initial and re-accreditation



Accreditation of TB-DOTS Physicians PhilHealth Circular 10, s 2014

Requirements:

- Properly accomplished Provider Data Record for professionals
- Signed Performance Commitment
- Updated PRC license or its equivalent
- Two (2) pieces of 1x1 photo
- Proof of payment of premium contribution
- Certificate of completed residency training or specialty board certificate, if applicable





BENEFIT DELIVERY





The TB DOTS Package

	Payment (Php)
After Intensive Phase	2,500
After Continuation (Maintenance Phase)	1,500
TOTAL	4,000

Note: Expenses for other services done outside the facility shall be settled by the facility





Comparing the TB DOTS Package

	Old Package (PC 19, s 2003)	Revised Package (PC 14, s 2014)
Covered	 New cases of TB Sputum positive If sputum negative, with recommendation from TBDC 	 All cases of TB sensitive to first line anti- TB drugs under registration groups: New Retreatment (relapse, failure, lost to follow-up, outcome unknown) Transfer-in Other No need for TBDC if sputum negative
Not covered	Failure caseRelapse caseReturn after default	 In-patient admission Drug-resistant TB Latent TB infection Lost to follow up Not evaluated



Eligibility

 PhilHealth members and dependents with premium contributions paid at least three months within the six months prior to the first day of availment

• All TB cases susceptible to first line anti-TB drugs under covered registration groups





Payment of the TB DOTS Package

- Shall be paid through the facility's **trust fund** only
 - P2,500 after intensive phase
 - 1,500 after maintenance phase
- If managed by >1 facility, the referring facility shall be the one to file the claim and receive full payment





TB Disease Registration Group

REGISTRATION			CRITERIA				
	GROUP						
	New	•	Never had treatment for TB, or Took anti-TB drugs for less than <1 month.				
	Relapse	•	Previously treated for TB and declared cured or treatment completed Presently diagnosed with bacteriologically-confirmed or clinically-diagnosed TB				
itment	Treatment After Failure	• •	Previously treated for TB and declared treatment failed Sputum smear or culture positive at >5 months during treatment Sputum examination cannot be done and does not show clinical improvement anytime during treatment				
Retreatm	Treatment After Lost to Follow-up	•	Previously treated for TB but was lost to follow-up for >2 months Currently diagnosed with either bacteriologically-confirmed or clinically- diagnosed TB				
	Previous Treatment Outcome unknown	•	Previously treated for TB but outcome is unknown or undocumented				
	Transfer-in	•	Registered in a DOTS facility adopting NTP policies and transferred to another DOTS facility with proper referral slip to continue the current treatment regimen				
	Other	•	Does not fit into any of the registration group listed above				

Eligibility Based on TB Registration Group

Eligible for TB DOTS Package

- New
- Retreatment
 - Relapse
 - Treatment After Failure
 - Treatment After Lost to Follow-up
 - Previous Treatment Outcome unknown
- Others

Not Eligible

• Transfer in*

*claimed for transfer in (referred) patients must be claimed by referring facility. Since it is the referring facility, it will use the original registration group where the patient belongs before transfer



Treatment Outcomes

CRITERIA

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Cured	•	Bacteriologically- confirmed TB at the beginning of treatment, and Smear or culture negative in the last month of treatment and on at least one previous occasion in the continuation (maintenance) phase.
Treatment completed	•	Completes treatment without evidence of failure but with no record to show that sputum smear or culture results in the last month of treatment and on at least one previous occasion were negative (because tests were not done or results are unavailable) A bacteriologically confirmed patient who has completed treatment but without direct sputum smear microscopy (DSSM) follow-up in the last month of treatment and on at least one previous occasion A clinically diagnosed patient who has completed treatment
Treatment failed	•	Sputum smear or culture is positive at 5 months or later during treatment. Clinically diagnosed patient (child or EPTB) for whom sputum examination cannot be done and who does not show clinical improvement
Died	•	Dies for any reason during the course of treatment
Lost to follow-up	•	Treatment was interrupted for 2 consecutive months or more
Not Evaluated	•	No treatment outcome is assigned, including cases transferred to another DOTS facility or treatment outcome is unknown.

Paid vs Denied (Treatment Outcomes)

Paid

- Cured
- Treament completed
- Treatment failed
- Died

Denied

- Lost to follow-up
- Not evaluated





CLAIMS FILING





Requirements for Filing

- PhilHealth Benefit Eligibility Form (or other proof of eligibility)
- PhilHealth Calim Form 1
- PhilHealth Claim Form 2
- Copy of patient's completed NTP treatment card

Important Notes:

- Submission of the NTP Treatment Card prior to starting the treatment is no longer required.
- The TBDC Recommendation Form is not a requirement anymore for sputum negative patients.





Dates of Admission and Discharge

Admission Date	Discharge Date	Phase being claimed	Package Code
First day of	Last day of	Intensive	89221
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First day of	Last day of	Continuation	89222
continuation	continuation	(maintenance)	
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Package Code

• 89221

– TB-DOTS, intensive phase

• 89222

- TB-DOTS, continuation (maintenance) phase







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Provisions for Incomplete Requirements

- Claims with incomplete requirements or discrepancies in the entries shall be returned to the facility for compliance within 60 days from the receipt of notice. Failure to comply shall cause denial of claim.
- After June 30, 2014, PhilHealth shall no longer return these claims to the facility and are automatically denied
- The facility must ensure that all requirements are attached, all forms are properly accomplished and there are no discrepancies in the entries before submitting the claims





PAYMENT ALLOCATION, MONITORING AND EVALUATION





Guidelines on allocation of the TB DOTS Package Payment

CATEGORY	PERCENTAGE	REMARKS
Facility Fee	40%	 For operational costs including supply of anti-TB drugs and reagents, equipment such as microscope, IT equipment and software, support for TB Diagnostic Committee, advocacy activities, training of staff, referral fees of warranted diagnostic services not available in the facility
Consultation Fee	25%	 For consultation services during the course of treatment If no referring physician, this portion may be allotted as facility fee
Service Staff Fee	35%	 Pooled and distributed among health personnel who were involved in the delivery of health services for TB including the DOTS physician, nurses, midwives, medical technologist or sputum microscopist, barangay health workers and treatment partners

For Monitoring

- Submit a copy of their issuances creating the trust fund and guidelines on allocation within a year after initial accreditation to the PhilHealth Regional Offices
- Maintain a minimum set of information on each patient (e.g. NTP treatment card, TB registry) that shall be readily available during monitoring and evaluation





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