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**ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS FOR ENTITLEMENT TO PHILHEALTH BENEFITS AND ITS GUIDELINES**

In line with efforts to make the National Health Insurance Programs benefits more responsive, the following are additional conditions and guidelines for entitlement to PhilHealth benefits:

**A. Effect of Change in Accreditation Status of Facility**

In case the hospital's accreditation is expired, re-accredited or initial accreditation was given anytime within the confinement period, the claim for benefit items such as drugs and medicines, x-ray, laboratory and others, operating room and professional fees shall be paid accordingly. However, reimbursement for room and board charges shall be limited only to the actual confinement period when the accreditation of the facility is still in effect, that is, before its expiration, initialization or after its renewal.

**B. Effect of Membership and Dependency**

In case a patient has a change in membership status during his/her confinement period such as:

1. Patient reaches the age of sixty (60) years old and thus qualifies as a dependent;
2. Patient becomes an Overseas Filipino Worker (OFW) member or his membership expires; or
3. Patient's membership to the Sponsored Program takes effect or ended during his confinement, the claims for benefit items for drugs and medicines, x-ray, laboratory and others, operating room and professional fees shall be paid accordingly. However, reimbursement for room and board charges shall be limited only to the actual confinement period when the membership becomes effective.

In case the principal member expires/dies, his/her membership privileges end. Hence, there shall be no survivorship entitlement to benefit. His/her declared dependents cannot anymore use the deceased membership eligibility.

**C. Out-on-Pass**

For PhilHealth purposes, out-on-pass shall be considered for payment following all the conditions listed below:

1. When patient is referred to other facility for procedures which are not available in the admitting hospital.