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**CLARIFICATION ON PHILHEALTH'S NEWBORN CARE PACKAGE
AND NORMAL SPONTANEOUS DELIVERY AND MATERNITY CARE
PACKAGE**

A. NEWBORN CARE PACKAGE (*Circular Nos. 24 s. 2006 and 20 s. 2007*)

1) Newborn Care Package (NCP) may be availed by any qualified PhilHealth dependent delivered in accredited hospitals and non-hospital facilities for MCP that are certified as a newborn screening facility.

a. Qualified dependents include babies delivered via cesarean section, breech extraction or vaginal deliveries.

b. Claim for NCP is independent from the mother's claim for delivery.

i. Therefore, a claim can be filed for a baby's NCP even if the mother's delivery is not covered by PhilHealth. For this reason, babies of 5th and subsequent normal deliveries are also qualified for NCP.

ii. Baby's claim need not be attached to mother's claim for delivery.

iii. Moreover, the only required premium for dependents of Employed and Individually Paying members is three (3) months of contribution within the immediate six (6) months prior to delivery.

2) Newborn screening test, BCG and Hepatitis B immunization may be given on outpatient basis since normal newborn babies can be sent home as soon as possible.

a. The following are considered as incomplete provision of services: 1) Immunization done in private doctors' clinics and 2) Newborn screening test done in another facility. In these cases, the member may be advised to file directly with PhilHealth.

b. The claims for NCP must only be submitted after completion of provision of said required services (newborn screening test, BCG and Hepatitis B immunization) if provided in RHU.

3) Resuscitation is a series of actions (e.g., suctioning, administration of oxygen) to establish normal breathing, heart rate, color, tone and response of an infant with an abnormal vital signs or low Apgar score.

a. Normal babies require no resuscitation.