

**[PHILHEALTH CIRCULAR NO. 20, S. 2007,
December 12, 2007]**

**AMENDMENT TO PHILHEALTH CIRCULAR NO. 34, S. 2006
PHILHEALTH NEWBORN CARE PACKAGE (NCP)**

Pursuant to approved PhilHealth Board Resolution No. 1060 series of 2007 amending PhilHealth Board Resolution No. 925, s. 2006 the following are guidelines on the implementation of NCP:

GENERAL RULES

1. The package shall cover all eligible newborn-dependence delivered in all accredited health facilities including non-hospital maternity health care providers.
2. Services covered shall include administration of BCG vaccine and resuscitation of the newborn. The amount of the package however shall remain at P1.000.
3. It is reiterated that the health care facility should be able to provide all the required services covered by the package. In case the facility was not able to provide the complete services, claims from the said facility shall not be compensated. This however, shall not prohibit payment to members within the amount of the package item enumerated in Circular No. 34, s. 2006 provided that Official Receipt/s are attached to the claim application.
4. To qualify as service providers for this package, currently accredited facilities and those applying for initial, renewal and re-accreditation are required to submit a photocopy of Newborn Screening Facility (NSF) certificate issued by the Department of Health (DOH) or Newborn Screening Reference Center (NSRC) to the Accreditation Department or Accreditation Section of PhilHealth Regional Offices (PROs) on or before December 31 2007. All claims of PhilHealth accredited facilities for NCP with admission beginning January 1, 2008 that are not certified by DOH or NSRC as NSF shall not be reimbursed.
5. Newborn Screening (NBS) is ideally performed after twenty four hours of life but not later than three (3) days from complete delivery of the newborn. As such, claims for NCP within the said period shall be compensated. However, for newborns placed in intensive care to ensure survival, premature and sick newborns, they may be exempted from the three day requirement but should be tested within seven (7) days of age. Official Receipt /s for NBS dated within the same period (even after discharge of patient/newborn) shall be covered by the package.

CLAIMS FILING