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**PHILHEALTH OUTPATIENT ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS/DIRECTLY
OBSERVED TREATMENT SHORT-COURSE (DOTS) BENEFIT
PACKAGE**

Pursuant to PhilHealth Board Resolution Numbers 485 and 490, s. 2002 and in order to accomplish its mandate of providing accessible quality health care services to all its members, an Outpatient Anti-tuberculosis or Directly Observed Treatment Short-course (DOTS) Benefits Package shall be included in PhilHealth's Benefits Package. The following are the guidelines to avail of this package:

A. BENEFIT

1. A flat rate of 4,000 pesos per case shall be paid to an accredited DOTS facility and this amount shall be given in two separate payments.
2. For this fee, the provider shall cover diagnostic work-up consultation services and anti-TB drugs the patient requires in an outpatient set-up.
3. The first payment of 2,500 pesos shall be paid after the accredited DOTS center has completed the intensive phase of DOTS treatment. The end of the intensive phase shall be considered as the date of treatment.
4. The final payment of 1,500 pesos shall be paid to the DOTS center after the end of maintenance phase. The end of the maintenance phase shall be considered as the date of treatment.
5. Payment to referral centers, physicians and other health care workers shall be settled by the referring DOTS Center.
6. The Corporation shall not pay for additional services rendered or for an extension of treatment.
7. All claim applications of accredited DOTS Centers shall also be covered by the rules on ICD-10 requirements by the Corporation.

B. ELIGIBILITY

1. All members and qualified dependents of the National Health Insurance Program (NHIP) who satisfy the criteria of benefit eligibility and are not disqualified by the exclusion criteria may avail of the DOTS Benefit Package.
2. The DOTS Benefits Package is designed for new cases of pulmonary and extrapulmonary tuberculosis for children and adults.