

PHILHEALTH PLUS STATUS UPDATE as of July 2002

Summary

As of July 2002, PhilHealth Plus is present in **139 LGUs** nationwide. Each administrative region already has at least one LGU implementing it. The aim is for implementation success in order to create a rippling effect such that other LGUs within the region will be enticed to implement PhilHealth Plus.

What is PhilHealth Plus?

PhilHealth Plus is the presence of the Outpatient Consultation and Diagnostic Package (OPB) in the LGU's adoption of the PhilHealth Indigent Program (IP). In the OPB, at least one rural health unit (RHU) of a local government unit (LGU) delivers consultation and laboratory services to indigents enrolled by the LGU in the Indigent Program. The RHU is accredited by PhilHealth according to its capability to render the required services. As payment for the RHU's services, the LGU is capitated or paid by PhilHealth a fixed amount of P300 per family-member. PhilHealth also requires the LGU to pass an ordinance creating a PhilHealth Capitation Fund earmarking the capitation payments for sustaining and improving the RHU facilities and services.

In the past two years of implementation, the OPB has proven to be a driver of other health reforms in an LGU. Aside from providing additional financing for health, it has triggered improvement in health facilities and in strengthening the local health system, health regulations, and public health system.

There are three indicators that PhilHealth Plus is present or being implemented in an LGU:

- 1) a Memorandum of Agreement between PhilHealth and the LGU on the implementation of the IP with OPB has been signed,
- 2) an Ordinance Creating a PhilHealth Capitation Fund has been passed by the Sangguniang Bayan, and
- 3) at least one rural health unit in the LGU is PhilHealth-accredited.

The attached table shows the status of PhilHealth accreditation of rural health units (RHUs) in the entire Philippines. Currently, there is no central repository of IP-OPB MOAs and PCF Ordinances since these are submitted by LGUs to the PhilHealth Regional Office (PROs). Copies of these, however, are submitted to the Program Management Group in the PhilHealth central office for processing of the first capitation payment. Since more than half of the LGUs qualified for RHU accreditation only in the last two months, most of the documents for capitation release have not yet been submitted to the central office.

At this point, therefore, we can first use RHU accreditation as the indicator for PhilHealth Plus implementation and assume that the two other indicators follow because: 1) an LGU can only apply for RHU accreditation only if it already has an IP-OPB MOA, and 2) PCF ordinance, if not yet passed, is usually fasttracked by the Sangguniang Bayan soon after RHU accreditation since the ordinance will be the only requirement missing for the LGU to receive capitation; the fact that an IP-OPB MOA exists and the RHU has applied for and gained accreditation shows that the SB

has already nodded to implementing the program (the opposite is not always true: the PCF Ordinance may have been passed but the RHU may be lacking of the capabilities for accreditation). These may not be true for some LGUs but these are exceptional cases.

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With the above conditions, the attached table shows that PhilHealth Plus is currently present in **139 LGUs**, with a total of 213 RHUs accredited in these LGUs. At least one LGU in each of the 16 regions is already implementing PhilHealth Plus, and the aim is for the success of PhilHealth Plus in these LGUs to entice other LGUs in the region to also adopt the program, thereby creating a rippling effect until PhiHealth Plus is present in almost all LGUs nationwide.

It must be noted that jurisdictions of PhilHealth Regional Offices do not always coincide with the administrative or political geographic regions. In particular, the following are the provinces and cities whose PRO assignments deviate from the administrative regions:

Province/City	Administrative/DOH Region	PhilHealth Regional Office (PRO) Assigned
Rizal	Region IV	NCR
Antipolo City	Region IV	NCR
Batanes	Region II	PRO I
Aurora	Region IV	PRO III
Sulu	ARMM	PRO IX
Tawi-Tawi	ARMM	PRO IX
Lanao del Norte	Region XII	PRO X
Laano del Sur	ARMM	PRO X
Iligan City	Region XII	PRO X
Marawi City	ARMM	PRO X
Maguindanao	ARMM	PRO XII
Sarangani	Region XI	PRO XII
South Cotabato	Region XI	PRO XII
General Santos City	Region XI	RPO XII

It must also be noted that the Centers for Health Development (CHDs), or the regional offices of the Department of Health (DOH), follow the administrative regional assignments of the different provinces and cities. Hence, some PROs partner with more than one CHD in implementing PhilHealth Plus and other PhilHealth programs.

With the above PRO assignments, there is still one PRO, PRO XI, who does not have any LGU within its jurisdiction with PhilHealth Plus. This PRO covers more than 40 LGUs and has only four staff in its Indigent Program Unit. PhilHealth must seriously consider helping this PRO in breaking in PhilHealth Plus within the PRO’s jurisdiction.

Local Government Units with PhilHealth-accredited RHUs
as of July 17, 2002

Region	Province/City	No. of RHUs	No. of Accredited RHUs	Total Accredited RHUs per Region	No. of LGUs (<i>Mun & cities</i>) with Accredited RHUs per Region
TOTAL				213	139
NCR and Rizal	1. Caloocan City 2. Makati City 3. Manila 4. Muntinlupa City 5. Pasay City 6. Pateros 7. San Juan 8. Valenzuela Rizal 9. <i>Cardona</i> 10. <i>Taytay</i>	29 11 11 5 8 45	7 29 6 7 11 2 3 5 2	72	10
I	Ilocos Norte 1. <i>Solsona</i> Ilocos Sur 2. <i>Vigan City</i> La Union 3. <i>Bauang</i> 4. <i>San Fernando</i> Pangasinan 5. <i>Sto. Tomas</i> 6. <i>Basista</i> 7. <i>Magaldan</i> 8. <i>Alcala</i> 9. <i>Laoac</i> 10. <i>Asingan</i> 11. <i>Natividad</i> 12. <i>Urdaneta City</i>	25 34 67	1 1 2 8	12	12
II	Nueva Vizcaya 1. <i>Aritao</i> 2. <i>Bagabag</i> 3. <i>Bambang</i> 4. <i>Dupax del Sur</i>	15	4	4	4
III	Bulacan 1. <i>Angat</i>	57	1	1	1
IV-A /1	Cavite 1. <i>Kawit I & II</i> 2. <i>Tagaytay City</i> 3. <i>Trece Martirez City</i>	32	13	38	31

	4. <i>Dasmariñas City I & II</i> 5. <i>Imus I & II</i> 6. <i>Indang</i> 7. <i>Mendez</i> 8. <i>Magallanes</i>				
IV-B ¹	9. <i>Tanza</i> 10. <i>Naic</i> Laguna 11. <i>Calamba</i> 12. <i>Calauan</i> 13. <i>Mabitac</i> 14. <i>Paete</i> 15. <i>Pakil</i> 16. <i>Pila</i> 17. <i>San Pablo (2)</i> 18. <i>Sta. Maria</i> 19. <i>Sta. Rosa I & II</i> 20. <i>Siniloan</i> Batangas 21. <i>Balayan</i> 22. <i>Bauan I & II</i> 23. <i>Mabini</i> 24. <i>Padre Garcia</i> 25. <i>Tanauan City</i> 26. <i>Lobo</i> Marinduque 27. <i>Boac</i> Oriental Mindoro 28. <i>Calapan (2)</i> 29. <i>San Teodoro</i> Palawan 30. <i>Puerto Princesa City</i> 31. <i>Taytay</i>	42	12		
V	Albay 1. <i>Ligao City</i> 2. <i>Maliliput</i>	20	2	2	2
VI	Capiz 1. <i>Cuartero</i> 2. <i>Mambusao</i> 3. <i>Pan-ay</i> 4. <i>Pres. Roxas</i> 5. <i>Roxas City</i> Iloilo 6. <i>New Lucena</i> Antique 7. <i>Sebaste</i> Negros Occidental	17	5	9	9
		33	2		

	8. <i>Sagay City</i> 9. <i>Victorias City</i>				
VII	Bohol 1. <i>Bilar</i> 2. <i>Calape</i> 3. <i>Carment</i> 4. <i>Danao</i>		6	19	16
	5. <i>Pilar</i> 6. <i>Dagohoy</i> Cebu 7. <i>Lapu-lapu City (3)</i> 8. <i>Dalaguete</i> Negros Oriental 9. <i>Amlan</i> 10. <i>Ayungon</i> 11. <i>Bindoy</i> 12. <i>La Libertad</i> 13. <i>Canlaon City</i> 14. <i>Guihulngan I & II</i> 15. <i>Vallehermoso</i> 16. <i>Jimalalud</i>	66 28	4 9		
VIII	Southern Leyte 1. <i>Hinunangan</i> 2. <i>Liloan</i> 3. <i>Padre Burgos</i>		3	3	3
IX	Zamboanga del Norte 1. <i>Dipolog City</i> Zamboanga del Sur 2. <i>Ramon Magsaysay</i> 3. <i>Dumigang</i>	27 47	1 2	3	3
X	Bukidnon 1. <i>Cabanglasan</i> 2. <i>Valencia City</i> 3. <i>Malaybalay</i> 4. <i>Damulog</i> 5. <i>Kadilingan</i> 6. <i>Malitbog</i> 7. <i>Baungon</i> 8. <i>Libona</i> 9. <i>Manolo Fortich</i> 10. <i>Quezon</i> 11. <i>Sumilao</i> 12. <i>Talakag</i> 13. <i>Dangcangan</i> 14. <i>Impasugong</i> 15. <i>Kalilangan</i> 16. <i>San Fernando</i>	23	22	32	31

	17. <i>Kitaotao</i> 18. <i>Lantapan</i> 19. <i>Kibawe</i> 20. <i>Maramag</i> 21. <i>Don Carlos</i> 22. <i>Pangantucan</i> Misamis Occidental 23. <i>Calamba</i> 24. <i>Oroquieta City</i>	21	9		
	25. <i>Tangub City (2)</i> 26. <i>Plaridel</i> 27. <i>Bonifacio</i> 28. <i>Clarin</i> 29. <i>Tudela</i> 30. <i>Lopez Jaena</i> Misamis Oriental 31. <i>Opol</i>		1		
XI	South Cotabato /2 1. <i>Banga</i> 2. <i>Surallah</i> 3. <i>Norala</i> 4. <i>Tampakan</i> 5. <i>Koronadal City</i> 6. <i>Tupi</i>	11	6	6	6
XII	North Cotabato 1. <i>Kidapawan City</i> Sultan Kudarat 2. <i>Isulan</i> Lanao del Norte /3 3. <i>Tubod</i> 4. <i>Sultan Naga Dimaporo</i>	18 22 30	1 1 2	4	4
CAR	1. <i>Baguio City (2)</i>	8	2	2	1
CARAGA	Agusan del Norte 1. <i>Nasipit</i> Agusan del Sur 2. <i>La Paz</i> 3. <i>San Francisco</i> 4. <i>Prosperidad</i> 5. <i>Esperanza</i>	15	4	5	5
ARMM	Lanao del Sur /3 1. <i>Marawi City</i>	26	1	1	1

1/ two different PhilHealth Regional Offices (PROs) handle Region IV

2/ within jurisdiction of PRO 12

3/ within jurisdiction of PRO 10