

Part V NHI News

Bureau of National Health Insurance Event Calendar, 2007

Date	Event Summary
Jan. 1	Changed the National Health Insurance's average number of dependents to 0.70.
Jan. 10	Announced the "Regulations for Frequent Outpatient Service Insurers to use Specific Medical Institutions".
Feb. 1	Amended the "Standard of the National Health Insurance Medical Payment"; Added section nine "National Health Insurance Hospitalization Diagnosis Related Group", effective as of January 1, 2008.
Feb. 8	Announced the "Standards for Imposing Penalties on Medical Institutions that Violate Article 66 of the Regulations for National Health Insurance Contracted Medical Institutions", effective as of March 1, 2007.
Feb. 27	Announced the amendments to trauma and gynecology treatment in section 2, chapter 2, part 6 of the "Payment Coverage of the Standard of the National Health Insurance Medical Payment"; amended remarks on anesthetic fees in section 2, chapter 2, part 10 of the same act; added section 4, the implemented guideline of complex acupuncture; effective as of March 1, 2007.
Feb. 27	Announced the amendments to "Treatment and Care Quality Improvement Plan for First-Time Patients of Chinese Medicine Outpatient Service", which was effective retroactively as of January 1, 2007.
Mar. 7	Amended the "Directions for National Health Insurance Act Violation Fines", effective as of March 12, 2007.
Mar. 13	Held the "Twelve Years of Gratitude" event to celebrate National Health Insurance's 12 th anniversary.
Apr. 3	Announced the "2007 Trial Plan of Total Budget Allocation for Chinese Medicine Clinics".
Apr. 26	Taipei City Government agreed to pay National Health Insurance subsidies retroactively from the second half of 1999.
May 9	Submitted the "Human Resource Actuaries of the Bureau of National Human Insurance Comparison Report" and the "Employee Rights and Human Resource Costs Related Data from the Bureau of National Health Organization Act (draft)" to the Executive Yuan.
May 9	Announced the addition of "Outpatient Service Fee Points List", "Hospitalization Fee Service Points List" to the "Department of Occupational Medicine", code 23; Implemented items in the "Outpatient Service Fee points Form", which are "Cases of Obtaining Medicine for Bed-ridden Patients" code H2 (western medicine) and J1 (Chinese medicine), "Cases of Obtaining Medicine for Fisherman Putting out to Sea" code H3 (western medicine) and J2 (Chinese medicine"; effective as of July, 2007.
May 24	Amended the "2007 Characteristics of a Remote Area Hospital in Hospital Value Assessment Structure".

May 24	Held press conference to announce information regarding the survival rate of organ transplant surgery from 1997 to 2005.
Jun. 28	Supreme Administrative Court ruled in favor of the Bureau regarding Taipei City Government's appeal concerning National Health Insurance subsidies.
Jul. 10	Announced the "National Health Insurance Catastrophic Illness Certificate Application Form", "National Health Insurance Chronic Renal Failure Patient who Requires Regular Dialysis Catastrophic Illness Certificate Application Form" and the "File Format for the National Health Insurance Chronic Renal Failure Patient who Requires Regular Dialysis Catastrophic Illness Certificate Application Form".
Jul. 23	Held the HTA International Symposium with CDE. The event provided the Bureau with international HTA experience; discussions were held on the difficulties in Taiwan's establishment of HTA policies and industry coordination.
Jul. 27	Announced "in accordance to article 22-1 of the National Health Insurance Act, the ratio between the average of sum insured by employees of government agencies and private companies and persons with certain employers and the average salary announced by the Directorate General of Budget, Accounting and Statistics is 90.67%" and "the sum insured by government employees, teachers and military personnel should be 90.67% of their salary, which will be implemented from August 1, 2007".
Jul. 27	Announced "insured sum of 3 rd category insurants of the National Health Insurance is NT\$21,000, which will be implemented on August 1, 2007".
Jul. 27	Announced "the average premium of fourth and fifth category insurants is NT\$1,317, which will be implemented on August 1, 2007" and "the average premium of sixth category insurants is NT\$1,099, which will be implemented on August 1, 2007".
Jul. 27	Announced "the sum insured applied by employers who have less than five insurants under employed, professionals who have their own practices such as accountants, lawyers, architects, doctors, dentists, and doctors of Chinese medicine, or employers of 1 st category insurants shall be between NT\$33,000 and the highest sum claimed by the employees beginning from August 1, 2007".
Jul. 27	Changed the minimum sum insured for 2 nd category 1 st item insurants from NT\$19,200 to NT\$21,000.
Aug. 1	Due to the change in minimum wage from NT\$15,840 to NT\$17,280 on July 1, 2007, the Bureau of National Health Insurance also changed the insurance premium on July 27, 2007 effective from August 1, 2007 in accordance to the new insurable income grading table announced by the Department of Health on July 24, 2007.
Aug. 10	Added and amended section 2, chapter 1 (basic diagnosis and treatment), chapter 2 (specific coverage), section 3 (dentistry), section 4 (Chinese medicine), and section 7 (case payment; see attachment) of the "Standard of the National Health Insurance Medical Payment"; section 7 was implemented retroactively to January 1, 2007, while the rest became effective on September 1, 2007.

Sep. 1	The confirmation and correction made to the fifth drug price survey, a joint result of the Bureau of National Health Insurance and Tainan District Prosecutors Office, was announced on July 19, 2007. The new prices, which will lower prices of more than 5,700 drugs, was implemented on September 1, 2007.
Sep. 7	Amendments made to the Bureau of National Health Insurance Organization Act were submitted to the Legislative Yuan for consideration.
Sep. 12	Announced the amendments made to the “National Health Insurance Drug Usage Standard Codes”, which were implemented in November, 2007.
Oct. 1	Announced the “Service Fee Standards for Requesting Insurance Information and Data from the Bureau of National Health Insurance”, effective as of October 1, 2007; also announced the “Directions for Requesting Insurance Information and Data from the Bureau of National Health Insurance” in accordance to the former service fee standards. In the future anyone requesting information from the Bureau will have to follow the new regulations.
Nov. 16	Announced the “National Health Insurance Perinatal Capitation Payment Method Trial Plan”, effective as of December 1, 2007.
Nov. 28	Announced the amendments to the payment standard. Other than table 3.3.3, which was implemented retroactively to January 1, 2007, the other amendments were effective beginning from December 1, 2007. The summary of the amendments is as follows: 1. Catastrophic illness certificate holders (excluding chronic renal failure patients), patients 12 years old or below who requires dialysis, and emergency dialysis patients are excluded from high expense discounts. The reporting code is 58027C. 2. The amendments made to table 3.3.3 (rational relative points payment standard for dentists) include the changes made to remark 1 of point 2-1 “discounts”, which is the calculation of total fees for doctors nationwide who postponed their clustering, remark 2, which is the lessening of penalties for mistakes made in examining doctor’s ID, the medical payment efficiency plan for mountain areas and offshore islands, and the exclusion of a 20 point difference in diagnosis fees in mountain areas and offshore islands. The amendments are implemented retroactively to January 1, 2007. 3. Added chapter 7, which included the fees for pulse diagnosis and tongue diagnosis. The points paid for the two examinations are 500 points, which are reported as regular diagnosis fees.
Dec. 26	Announced the abolishment of “National Health Insurance Hospitalization Diagnosis Related Group”, section nine of the “Standard of the National Health Insurance Medical Payment.”