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DOH DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR NO. 2026-0183 IN RELATION TO ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2026-003



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Dissemination of the DOH Administrative Order No. 2026-0003, entitled “New Maximum Allowable Blood Service Fees for Blood and Blood Products in Blood Service Facilities” and New Maximum Allowable Blood Service Fees for Blood and Blood Products in Blood Service Facilities

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SUMMARY

The DOH set the new maximum blood components and the corresponding fees to be collected by Blood Service Facilities (BSFs), whether under the national government, local government units, private sector, or the Philippine Red Cross, the DOH central office and centers for health development:

BLOOD COMPONENTS	FEES
a. Whole Blood	PHP 2,100
b. Packed Red Blood Cells	PHP 2,300
c. Platelet Concentrate	PHP 1,500
d. Fresh Frozen Plasma	PHP 1,500
e. Cryoprecipitate	PHP 1,500
f. Cryosupernate	PHP 1,500
g. Leukoreduced Blood Components:	
i. Leukoreduced Packed Red Blood Cells	i. PHP 2,800
ii. Leukoreduced Platelet Concentrate	ii. PHP 1,800

SERVICES AND PROCEDURES *	FEES
a. Nucleic Acid Amplification Testing (NAAT) [HIV, Hepatitis B Virus (HBV), and Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) screening]	PHP 1,800
b. Antibody Screening	PHP 600
c. Pathogen Reduction	PHP 4,000
d. Blood Irradiation	PHP 1,100
e. Platelet Apheresis	PHP 20,000

* Services and procedures, except for platelet apheresis, entail additional charges above the cost of the blood component when performed by selected BSFs.





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The blood service fee covers the costs for the collection, processing, storage, professional services, and allowance for spoilage. Hence, no other fees shall be collected from patients or their representatives, except for transport or delivery fees which shall be charged on a per-transaction basis and not exceeding the prevailing market rate per kilometer.

1 - app.doh.gov.ph:1024/Rest/GetFile?id=879617

2 - drive.google.com/file/d/1xKNTIZ3KMMqpf8G9huqGAIF39ueYKEe7/view

ACTIONABLE ADVICE:

1. All BSFs are directed to strictly comply with the prohibition on the collection of blood component and service fees exceeding the maximum limits prescribed by the DOH.
2. All BSFs shall public display the blood service fees in a clearly visible area outside the facility.
3. All BSFs shall coordinate with other licenses or authorized BSFs to secure blood supply in accordance with biosafety and biosecurity policies.
4. All BSFs shall indicated the blood service fees in the Statement of Accounts or Billing Statement of patients.

