Module 4

SESSION 2: BASIC EMERGENCY OBSTETRIC & NEWBORN CARE (BEmONC) CERTIFICATION and MATERNITY CARE PACKAGE (MCP)

Session 2: BEmONC Certification

- Session Objective: At the end of the session the participants must be able to:
  - Define the following:
    - Certification
    - BEmONC health facility
    - BEmONC capable health facility
  - Understand the requirements & the process flow of BEmONC certification
  - Discuss the link of BEmONC certification to Maternity Care Package (MCP) accreditation.
  - Discuss the specific roles of ILHZ on the Guidelines of BEmONC Certification.
  - Identify the benefits of ILHZ on BEmONC certification
  - Ensure the integration of health facilities enhancement in the ILHZ plan w/in the context of BEmONC - CEmONC strategy.

This session will strengthen the BEmONC certification of health facilities through ILHZ to ensure the delivery of quality MNCHN services towards saving the lives of mothers & children.

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- Background:
  - MNCHN policy – developed to attain MDG IV & V
  - Addresses health risks that lead to maternal & neonatal deaths w/c comprise half of reported infant deaths
  - Improving health facilities to become BEmONC capable health facilities will increase coverage of antenatal care w/ at least 4 visits, FBD, SBA, CPR & FIC
  - To ensure the delivery of emergency obstetric and newborn care services within the high standard.
Subject: Guidelines on the Certification of Health Facilities with Basic Emergency Obstetrics and Newborn Care (BEmONC) Capacity

Rationale
- Certification standards from a certifying body in the DOH assure health provider safety & confidence on the implementation of standards that have a clear scope of practice cannot be compromised.
- Standards are set for the practice of professional health care providers, equipment and infrastructure service requirements for purposes of certification.
- Certification can be linked to accreditation process of HF with an incentive scheme.
- AO is issued to establish a certification process which shall be the service standard for health facilities with skilled health professionals providing basic emergency obstetrics & newborn care.

Definition of Certification
- Certification - Process & procedure of external assessment or examination by which an individual or facility is determined to possess a minimally acceptable body of knowledge and/or skills with capacity to provide the standards of care with adequate resources which includes drugs, supplies, standard equipment and physical infrastructure.

Definition of Basic Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care
- Health facilities that can perform the following six signal obstetric functions:
  - Parental Administration of oxytocin in the third stage of labor
  - Parenteral administration loading dose of anti-convulsants
  - Parenteral administration of initial dose of antibiotics
  - Performance of assisted deliveries (Imminent Breech delivery)
  - Removal of retained products of conception
  - Manual removal of retained placenta
Definition of Basic Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care

- These facilities are also able to provide emergency newborn interventions, which include the minimum:
  - Newborn Resuscitation
  - Treatment of neonatal sepsis/infection
  - Oxygen support
- It shall also capable of providing blood transfusion services on top of its standard functions (Optional for BEmONC Hospitals).

Definition of BEMONC Capable Facility

- A health facility that can either be a primary/district hospital, RHU or BHS/Lying-in clinic with complete complement of BEmONC trained personnel (doctor, nurse and midwife) operating 24/7 or on-call basis after regular office/clinic hours. Such as facilities can be certified by the DOH after meeting the standard requirements for certification.

Legal Basis on BEmONC Certification


SCOPE OF APPLICATION

- All national, regional and local government public health facilities that have met the requirements.
- All relevant stakeholders whose functions & activities contribute to the delivery & provision of BEmONC services nationwide.
General Guidelines for BEmONC Certification

Self – Assessment by the facility using the MCP tool as a guide and AO 2001 – 0014
Submission of self assessment of Results of the HF to the PHTO for initial validation by the PHTL and DOH Rep
Any deficiency will be acted upon by the Health facility with assistance of the DOH representative
HF to send application including the initial validation results of DOH Rep and PHT in the area
Regional BEmONC Assessors team to do table assessment
On site validation if needed
Regional BEmONC assessors Recommend to RD for approval and issuance of COC (valid for 1 year)

Flow Chart on the Certification Process of BEmONC facilities

Steps on BEmONC Certification

1. BEmONC Trained Evaluation of proficiency
2. Facility Assessment
3. Submission to CHD for Final Evaluation
4. Approval & Issuance of COC

Certificate of Proficiency
Accomplished Assessment Tool
COC

Requirements for BEmONC Certification

- Health facilities shall operate 24/7 (either by on-manned or on-call);
- Presence of required supplies and drugs;
- With existing equipment required for maternal and child health care;
- With minimum existing physical structure in accordance to MCP standards.
- Complete BEmONC trained personnel complement: doctor, nurse and midwife
**BEmONC Certification & MCP Accreditation**

- **Art. VI, Sec. 3 (A.O. 2011-0014)**
  - BEmONC Certificate will be attached to MCP Application;
  - PhilHealth needs NO pre-accreditation facility visit for assessment;
  - The BEmONC Certificate of proficiency of Health providers shall be one of the basis for accreditation as PhilHealth-accredited service provider.

**Benefits of ILHZ for BEmONC Certification**

- Greater available to access of quality services within the locality, both public and private, as well as, public health and curative;
- Provision of quality Maternal Neonatal Child Health and Nutrition services
- Improved referral system
- Capable and skilled health professionals
- Complementary income by MCP-accredited facilities for their operation.

**Roles of Inter Local Health Zone to BEmONC certification**

- Strengthen the governance component (e.g. enactment of ILHZ resolution) to ensure that all requirements of BEmONC will be met by each target health facilities within their respective district catchments;
- Funding complementation to respond the need of complying the requirements of BEmONC guidelines through Common Health Trust Fund (CHTF). Example: Equipment for Birthing Services, supplies and drugs for BEmONC services
- Responds the concern on lack of personnel through sharing mechanism; and
- Strengthens Service Delivery Network & the Referral System.