

Part V NHI News

Bureau of National Health Insurance Event Calendar, 2008

Date	Event Summary
Jan. 7	Issued Announcement Jian-Bao-Yi-Zi-0960053244 on “2008 NHI Global Budget for Dentistry - Post-operative Care Program for Patients with Oral or Maxillofacial & Neck Malignant Tumor.”
Jan. 7	Issued Announcement Jian-Bao-Yi-Zi-0960053244 on the following matters: 1. Addition of “2008 NHI Global Budget for Dentistry - Post-operative Care Program for Patients with Oral or Maxillofacial & Neck Malignant Tumor.” 2. Amendments of “2008 NHI Global Budget for Dentistry – Primary Care Quality Enhancement Program”, 2008 “NHI Pilot Project for Supplementing the Care of Hospitalized Patients with Cerebrovascular Disease and Bedsores with Chinese Medicine”, “NHI Chinese Medicine Outpatient Care Pilot Project for Pediatric Cerebral Palsy”, “NHI Chinese Medicine Outpatient Care Pilot Project for Pediatric Asthma in Relief Stage”, and “NHI Integrative Care Pilot Project for Respirator-Dependent Patients.” 3. Suspension of “NHI Payment Improvement Pilot Project for Tuberculosis Treatment.”
Jan. 14	Issued Announcement Jian-Bao-Yi-Zi-0970014246 on “2008 NHI Global Budget for Physician Clinics – National Health Improvement Program.”
Jan. 22	Issued Announcement Jian-Bao-Yi-Zi-0970015029 on “2008 NHI Global Budget for Dentistry – Special Service Pilot Project”, effective retroactively January 1, 2008.
Jan. 22	Issued Announcement Jian-Bao-Yi-Zi-0970014912 on “Implementation Program for Encouraging Hospitals to Improve Healthcare Quality and Drug Safety.”
Feb. 1	Issued Announcement Jian-Bao-Yi-Zi-0970016280 on “NHI Global Budget for Medical Expenditures –Other Budget Items –Implementation Program for NHI IC Card Registration and Upload Data Quality.”
Feb. 1	The draft amendment of Organic Act for Bureau of National Health Insurance was passed in an Executive Yuan session held on January 30, 2008 and submitted to the Legislative Yuan for deliberation on February 1, 2008.
Feb. 15	The Executive Yuan submitted the draft amendment of National Health Insurance Act in a letter Yuan-Tai-Wei-Zi-0970004262 to the Legislative Yuan for deliberation.
Feb. 21	Issued Announcement Jian-Bao-Yi-Zi-0970016985 on “2007 NHI Global Budget for Dentistry – Operational Program for Point Value Exceeding Specific Standard Regional Healthcare Utilization Target Value and Retainage Mechanism” (Calculation Examples Included).
Mar. 19	The Department of Health approved the 2007 NHI Premium Rate Actuarial Report prepared by BNHI.

Mar. 24	Issued Announcement Jian-Bao-Cheng-Zi-0970000243 on the amendment of “Directions for the NHI IC Card Management” and name change of the “Operation Directions for Issuing National Health Insurance Certificates”, effective March 26, 2008.
Mar. 24	Issued Announcement Jian-Bao-Cheng-Zi-0970000263 on the amendment of “Directions for Imposing Fines for Violation of National Health Insurance Act”, effective March 26, 2008.
Mar. 24	Issued Announcement Jian-Bao-Cheng-Zi-0970000182 on the enactment of “Fee Standards for National Health Insurance Certificates.”
Mar. 25	Issued Announcement Jian-Bao-Sheng-Zi-0970012152 on the amendment of four non-payment criteria and handling methods, including “Hospital ENT Outpatient Service Localized Treatment Claim Rate.”
Apr. 1	Issued Announcement Jian-Bao-Yi-Zi-0970020620 on “2008 Principles for Determining Remote-Area Hospitals under Global Budget for Hospitals.”
Apr. 1	Issued Announcement Jian-Bao-Sheng-Zi-0970012154 on the amendments of “Points to Note in Review of NHI Hospital Expense Claims”, “Points to Note in Review of NHI Physician Clinics Expense Claims”, “Points to Note in Review of NHI Dental Care Expense Claims” and “Points to Note in Review of NHI Chinese Medicine Expense Claims.”
Apr. 8	Issued Announcement Jian-Bao-Yi-Zi-0970048001 on the amendment of “NHI Payment Standards” – Part II Western Medicine and Part VII Case Payment, Chapter 2 - Specific Diagnosis and Treatment, effective retroactively January 1, 2008.
Apr. 10	Issued Announcement Jian-Bao-Yi-Zi-0970048002 on the amendment of “NHI Payment Standards” – Part II Western Medicine Chapter 1 and Chapter 2 - Specific Diagnosis and Treatment, effective retroactively January 1, 2008.
Apr. 16	Issued Announcement Jian-Bao-Sheng-Zi-0970012203 on the amendments of “Points to Note in Review of NHI Hospital Expense Claims” and “Points to Note in Review of NHI Physician Clinics Expense Claims”, effective June 1, 2008.
Apr. 25	Issued Announcement Jian-Bao-Yi-Zi-0970023804 on “2008 Global Budget for Dentistry – Dental Care Improvement Project in Areas Lacking Healthcare Resources.”
Apr. 25	BNHI has established a Department of Health NHI Healthcare Quality Network on DOH website at the recommendation of NHI Health Care Quality Committee. The same information is available under Important Issues on the homepage of BNHI website for public inquiry. The healthcare quality information made public in the first round includes 4 quality indicators for diabetes, 3 quality indicators for total knee arthroplasty, and 3 quality indicators for removal of myoma of uterus.
Apr. 30	Issued Announcement Jian-Bao-Yi-Zi-0970002152 on the amendments of “NHI Integrative Care Pilot Project for Respirator-Dependent Patients”, “NHI Payment Standards – Specific Examination Resources Sharing Pilot Project”, “NHI Benefit Payment Improvement Project for Diabetes”, “NHI Benefit Payment Improvement Project for Asthma” and “NHI Benefit Payment Improvement Project for Hypertension”, effective retroactively January 1, 2008, except for “NHI Payment Standards – Specific Examination Resources Sharing Pilot Project”, which would take effect on May 1, 2008.

May 5	Issued Announcement Jian-Bao-Yi-Zi-0970048003 on the amendment of “NHI Payment Standards” – Part II Western Medicine Chapter 2 -Specific Diagnosis and Treatment and Part VII Case Payment Chapter 2 – Tables for Gynecology, effective retroactively May 1, 2008, except for five diagnosis and treatment items 68035B, 68037B, 68047B, 75020B, and 76020B under Part II, Chapter 2, Section 7 – Surgery, which took effect retroactively on January 1, 2008.
May 14	Issued Announcement Jian-Bao-Yi-Zi-0970002139 on the enactment of “ Guide to NHI-Contracted Occupational Therapy Clinics Engaging in Occupational Therapy Business”, effective June 1, 2008.
May 21	BNHI Vice President Dr. Michael S. Chen accompanied former DOH Minister Hou Sheng-Mao to attend a congressional hearing in the U.S., in which former DOH Minister Hou gave a keynote speech on “The Experience of Taiwan’s National Health Insurance for the U.S. Health Care Reform” and Vice President Chen gave a keynote speech on “The Financial Issues of National Health Insurance.”
May 26	Issued Announcement Jian-Bao-Sheng-Zi-0970012304 on the amendment to BNHI non-payment thresholds in file analysis and review for “Physician Clinics ENT Outpatient Service Topical Treatment Claim Rate” and “Physician Clinics OBGYN Outpatient Service Topical Treatment Claim Rate” (2 items), effective May 1, 2008.
July 3	Issued Announcement Jian-Bao-Yi-Zi-0970029456 on “2008 NHI Global Budget for Dentistry – Operational Program for Point Value Exceeding Specific Standard Regional Healthcare Utilization Target Value and Retainage Mechanism.”
July 18	Issued Announcement Jian-Bao-Sheng-Zi-0970012454 on the amendments to “Points to Note in Review of NHI Hospital Expense Claims” and “Points to Note in Review of NHI Dental Care Expense Claims.”
July 23	Issued Announcement Jian-Bao-Sheng-Zi-0970012412 on the enactment of “Principles for “Honoring Market Price” in NHI Drug Reimbursement for Essential Drugs and Orphan Drugs”, effective September 1, 2008.
Aug. 21	Issued Announcement Jian-Bao-Yi-Zi-0970034362 on “2008 NHI Global Budget for Physician Clinics – Metabolic Syndrome Care Program.”
Aug. 22	Issued Announcement Jian-Bao-Yi-Zi-0970002499 on the amendment of “NHI Payment Standards” – Part II Western Medicine Chapter 2 -Specific Diagnosis and Treatment”, effective September 1, 2008.
Sep. 1	Issued Announcement Jian-Bao-Yi-Zi-0970048004 on the amendment of “NHI Payment Standards” – Specific Diagnosis and Treatment, effective September 1, 2008, in which, Part III- Dentistry, General Rules 7 was added a clause “The year is based on calendar year”, which took effect retroactively on January 1, 2007.
Sep. 11	For the sake of enhancing the accuracy of NHI IC card data, issued letter Jian-Bao-Yi-Zi-0970002562 to revise the “NHI IC Card Data Upload Operation” under the “NHI IC Card Content”, effective January 1, 2009.
Oct. 20	Issued Announcement Jian-Bao-Yi-Zi-0970039447 on the amendment of “2008 NHI Global Budget for Dentistry – Quality Assurance Retainage Implementation Program.”
Oct. 22	Issued Announcement Jian-Bao-Yi-Zi-0970039447 on the amendment of “2008 Global Budget for Dentistry Improvement Project in Areas Lacking Healthcare Resources”, which adds Hedong Area in Yuli Township, Hualien County to the implementation areas.

Oct. 31	For the sake of strengthening the disclosure of healthcare quality information, added 10 more information items by hospital in 2008 and post such information on BNHI website starting October 31, 2008 for the reference of the public and healthcare service providers.
Nov. 6	Issued Announcement Jian-Bao-Yi-Zi-0970040075 on the amendment of “NHI Payment Standards” - Part 1, General Rules, effective January 1, 2009.
Nov. 12	Issued Announcement Jian-Bao-Cheng-Zi-0970048216 on the amendment of “Guidelines for the Bureau of National Health Insurance Assisting Government Agencies in Subsidizing the Self-Paid Premium of the Insureds.”
Dec. 9	Issued Announcement Jian-Bao-Yi-Zi-0970043928 on the amendment of “NHI Global Budget for Medical Expenditures - Other Budget Items - Implementation Program for NHI IC Card Registration and Upload Data Quality.”
Dec. 15	Issued Announcement Jian-Bao-Sheng-Zi-0970043021 on two non-payment criteria and handling methods in file analysis and review for “NHI Global Budget for Hospitals – daily average of more than 3 claims for psychiatric occupational therapy 45031C or 45095C for the same admitted patient at the same hospital” and “NHI Global Budget for Physician Clinics – more than 3 claims in a month for pregnancy test for the same out-patient at the same clinic. ”
Dec. 26	Issued Announcement Jian-Bao-Yi-Zi-0970044558 on the amendment of “2009 NHI Global Budget for Dentistry – Quality Assurance Retainage Implementation Program”, effective January 1, 2009.
Dec. 29	Issued Announcement Jian-Bao-Yi-Zi-0970048006 on the amendment of “NHI Payment Standards - Specific Diagnosis and Treatment, effective January 1, 2009.
Dec. 29	Issued Announcement Jian-Bao-Yi-Zi-0970002970 on the amendments of “Prospective Payment Method for Integrative Care for NHI Respirator-Dependent Patients” Pilot Project – Payment Standards – Table 2, “NHI Pilot Project for Supplementing the Post-operative Care of Hospitalized Cerebrovascular and Tumor Patients Who Have Received Surgery, Chemotherapy or Radiation Therapy with Chinese Medicine”, “NHI Chinese Medicine Outpatient Care Pilot Project for Pediatric Cerebral Palsy”, “NHI Chinese Medicine Outpatient Care Pilot Project for Pediatric Asthma in Relief Stage”, and “2009 NHI Global Budget for Dentistry – Special Service –Medical Service Pilot Project”, effective January 1, 2009.
Dec. 29	Issued Announcement Jian-Bao-Yi-Zi-0970045510 on “2009 Global Budget for Chinese Medicine Outpatient Care – Care Improvement Project in Areas Lacking Healthcare Resources”, effective January 1, 2009.
Dec. 29	The Judicial and Organic Laws and Statutes Committee and the Health, Welfare and Labor Committee of Legislative Yuan held a joint session again on December 29, 2008 to finish the review of the draft amendment of Organic Act for Bureau of National Health Insurance. It was decided in the session that the draft amendment would be submitted to the general session of Legislative Yuan for second reading after a subsequent agreement has been reached by different parties on some reserved clauses.
Dec. 31	Issued Announcement Jian-Bao-Yi-Zi-0970046079 on the amendment of “NHI Family Doctor Integrative Care Program”, effective January 1, 2009.
Dec. 31	Issued Announcement Jian-Bao-Yi-Zi-970045515 “2009 Global Budget for Physician Clinics Improvement Project in Areas Lacking Healthcare Resources”, effective January 1, 2009.

