



PMB Review and a Base Benefits Package: Policy Roundtable Discussion

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Purpose and Contents

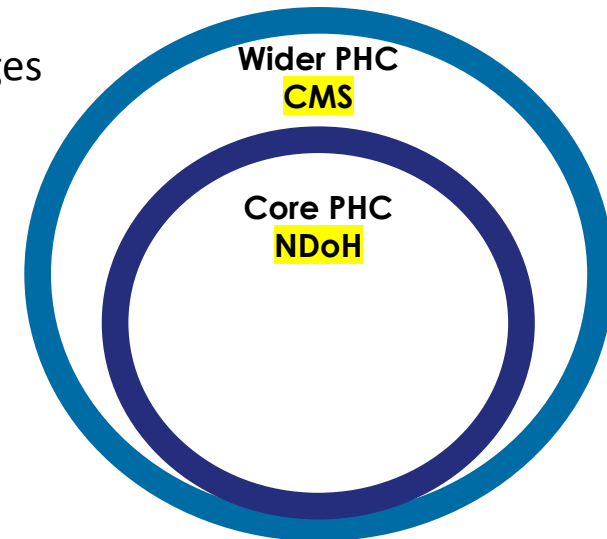
- To provide an update on the PMB Review Project and the work towards a base benefits package
 - Providing some background and work done on the PMB Review
 - Discuss the alignment with the NDoH with the PMB Review
 - Discuss the proposed base benefits package

Background: PMB Review

- PMBs are a list of minimum benefits that medical schemes must provide to all beneficiaries
- PMBs are to be reviewed every 2 years as per the MSA
 - The Minister, the NDoH and the CMS are responsible for the review
- Previous PMB Review was not approved by the Minister
 - PMBs are too hospi-centric and lacked primary health care (PHC)
 - Focus of the current review is on a PHC for incorporation into the PMBs
 - Progress update on the PMB Review - Circular 15 of 2023

PMB PHC Review: PHC Costing Report

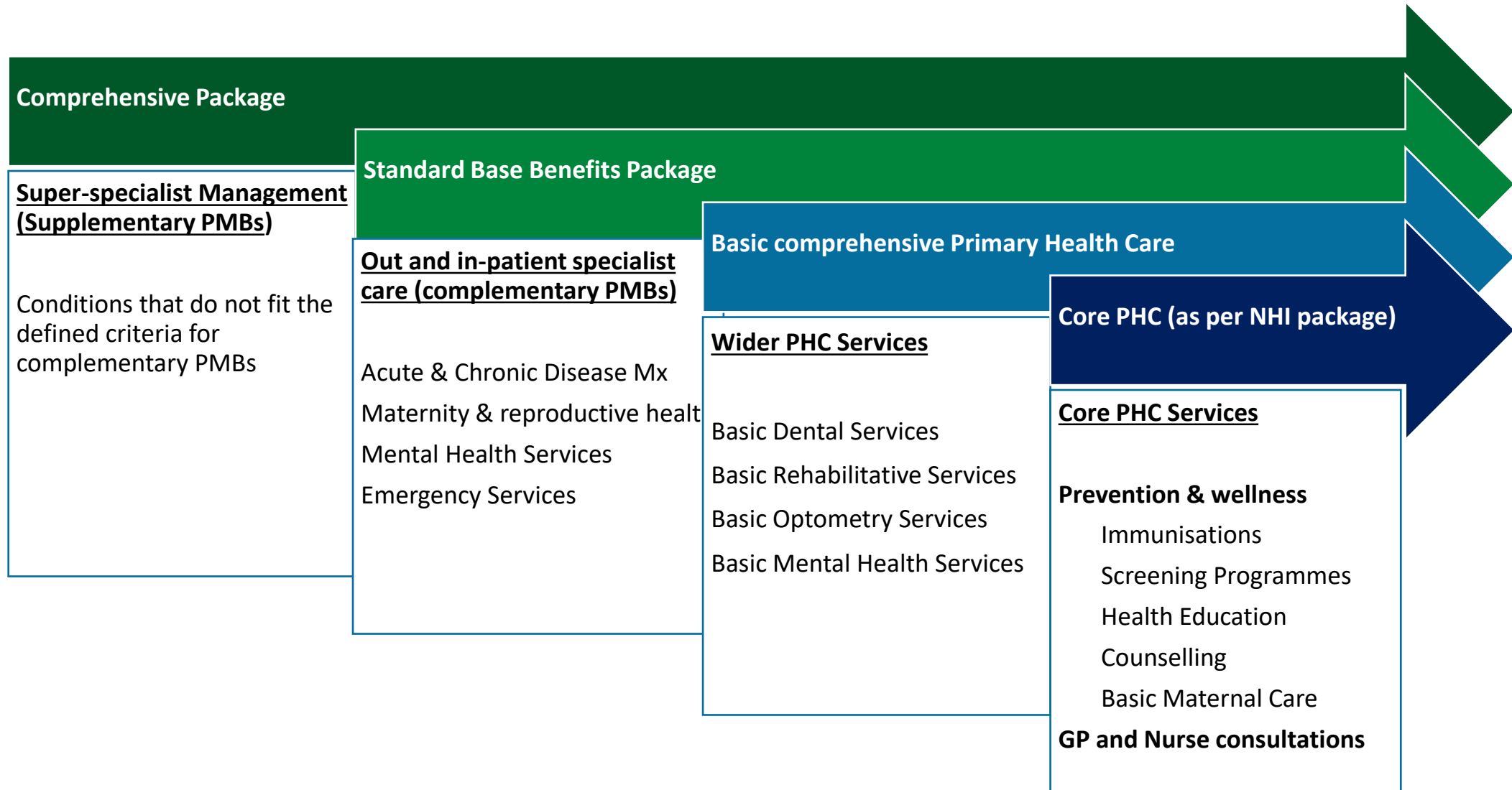
- Governance of PMB Review
 - PMB Review Advisory Committee - Established a comprehensive PHC package
 - Costing Committee – Costing of a PHC package and affordability assessment
- Costing report was presented to the Minister
 - NDoH developed a core PHC package (NHI PHC package)
 - Minister advised that NDoH and CMS should work together to align their PHC packages
 - A core PHC package was developed – planning for implementation of the package
- Assess how the PHC package can be implemented
 - 1. Additive - PMBs + PHC
 - 2. Supplementary - PMBs with a choice to add PHC
 - 3. Standalone (Optional) – PMB or PHC



Base Benefits Package

- Current standard package in the private health sector – PMBs
 - Many issues & challenges identified - hospital-centric, lacks PHC, unaffordable, etc
- HMI proposed a standardised base benefits package
 - single, comprehensive benefit option that all schemes should offer across all BOs
 - aiming to increase comparability and competition in the market
 - remove incentives for schemes to compete on risk
- Contains some PHC and some PMBs

A Revised PMB Package: A Possible Approach



Guiding Principles for Prioritising Health Services

1. **The current health situation and needs of the country**
2. **Clinical and cost-effectiveness of interventions**
3. **Efficiency:** allocation of services should be in a manner that will optimise value for money
4. **Affordability of interventions**
5. **Equity and priority to vulnerable populations**
6. **Internationally agreed instruments**

The Way Forward

- Consider principles and prioritisation criteria for a base benefits package
- Develop a framework for a base benefits package
- Stakeholder input and engagement
- Issue request for new conditions for consideration
- Conduct prioritisation and analysis
- Propose a base benefits package based on prioritisation and analysis
- Stakeholder input
- Issues related to the supplementary packages and design

Thank you!