



## Public Announcement

### NHIS Free Dialysis Coverage

June 1, 2024

The Government of Ghana through the National Health Insurance Authority (NHIA) in its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration is pleased to announce a significant enhancement to its health benefit coverage to include dialysis patients for a period of 6 months as follows:

**a) Vulnerable groups (patients aged below 18 and above 60):**

1. Patients aged under 18 and above 60 years will receive all **eight (8) free dialysis sessions per month** under the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) from June to December 2024 as indicated on table 1.

Table 1: Vulnerable (patients aged under 18 & above 60)

Month	Year	Total number of verified patients to be paid per month	Total Cost in GH¢	Cumulative cost in GH¢
June	2024	84	329,952	329,952
July	2024	84	329,952	659,904
August	2024	84	329,952	989,856
September	2024	84	329,952	1,319,808
October	2024	84	329,952	1,649,760
November	2024	84	329,952	1,979,712
December	2024	84	329,952	2,309,664

The cost of dialysis for these categories upon verification of the actual patients on the dialysis is projected to be **GH¢ 329,952** per month and by the end of December 2024, the cumulative cost is estimated to be approximately **GH¢ 2.3 million**.

**b) Persons aged 18 to 59years.**

2. Patients from Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital (KATH), Cape Coast Teaching Hospital (CCTH), Efiya Nkwanta Regional Hospital (ENRH), Ho Teaching Hospital (HTH) and Tamale Teaching Hospital (TTH) except Korle Bu( See point 3), will receive two (2) dialysis sessions per month at **GHC982.00**, that is, **GHC491** per session as indicated on Table 2 below.

**Table 2: - Other facilities ( KATH, CCTH, ENRH, HTH, TTH)**

Month	Year	Total number per month (KATH, CCTH, ENRH, HTH, TTH)	Cost per session	Total cost (GHC)	Cumulative cost (GHC)
June	2024	147	491.00	144,354.00	144,354
July	2024	147	491.00	144,354.00	288,708
August	2024	147	491.00	144,354.00	433,062
September	2024	147	491.00	144,354.00	577,416
October	2024	147	491.00	144,354.00	721,770
November	2024	147	491.00	144,354.00	866,124
December	2024	147	491.00	144,354.00	1,010,478

The cost of dialysis for this treatment category is projected to be **GHC144,354** per month and by the end of December 2024, the cumulative cost is estimated to be approximately **GHC1.01 million**.

**3. Korle Bu patients benefit subsidy**

Patients at Korle Bu Teaching Hospital (KBTH) will receive a subsidy for two (2) dialysis sessions per month at **GHS491.00**, which is 50% of the cost per session (that is, **GHC245.50 \* 2**) due to a **philanthropic gesture of GHS380.00** being offered to such patients as indicated on table 3 to address equity across all facilities.

**Table 3: Adults - Korle Bu Teaching Hospital**

Month	Year	Total number per month (KBTH)	Cost per session	Total Cost	Cumulative cost (GHC)
June	2024	300	245.50	147,300.00	147,300
July	2024	300	245.50	147,300.00	294,600
August	2024	300	245.50	147,300.00	441,900
September	2024	300	245.50	147,300.00	589,200
October	2024	300	245.50	147,300.00	736,500
November	2024	300	245.50	147,300.00	883,800
December	2024	300	245.50	147,300.00	1,031,100

The cost of dialysis for this treatment category at KBTH is projected to be **GH¢ 147,300** per month and by the end of December 2024, the cumulative cost is estimated to be approximately **GH¢ 1.03 million**.

#### **4. Sources of Funds being used for these interventions**

The Government of Ghana through Parliament approved an amount of **Two Million Ghana Cedis (GH¢ 2,000,000.00)** in the NHIA's 2024 Allocation Formula to support needy and vulnerable patients seeking dialysis treatment.

As part of NHIA's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the National Health Insurance Authority (NHIA) through administrative arrangements has allocated an additional **Two Million, four hundred thousand Ghana Cedis (GH¢ 2,400,000.00)**, under the Corporate Social Responsibility approved budget of the scheme to support this initiative.

This means a total of approximately **GH¢ 4.4 million** is being invested to support this initiative as indicated on table 4

**Table 4: Summary of all categories till December 2024**

Description	Cumulative Cost after 6 months
Vulnerable (aged under 18 and above 60)	2,309,664
Adults (aged above 18 and below 60)- KBTH	1,031,100
Adults (aged above 18 and below 60)- Other facilities	1,010,478
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,351,242</b>

The Government is committed to finding sustainable interventions to dealing with renal diseases and other illnesses not currently covered

under the NHIS in a holistic manner, and will soon unveil a sustainable plan.

Thank you for your cooperation.

For more information, please contact our Call Centre on short code 6447 (MTN & Telecel).

**Signed**

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