



Republic of the Philippines
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MEMORANDUM

FOR: ALL DIRECTORS OF BUREAUS AND REGIONAL OFFICES, BARMM MINISTER OF HEALTH; CHIEFS OF MEDICAL CENTERS, HOSPITALS AND SANITARIA, AND OTHERS CONCERNED

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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF MINOR INCLUSIONS IN THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL FORMULARY (PNF) FOR HEALTH TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT (HTA) FOLLOWING THE PNF SYSTEM FOR DRUGS

DATE: 17 November 2020

By virtue of Republic Act 11223, otherwise known as the Universal Health Care Act, health technology assessment (HTA) shall be institutionalized as a fair and transparent priority setting mechanism that shall be recommendatory to the DOH and PhilHealth for the development of policies and programs, regulation, and the determination of a range of entitlements such as drugs, medicines, pharmaceutical products, and other devices, procedures, and services.

The HTA Unit has been receiving queries on proposed topics for minor inclusion in the Philippine National Formulary (PNF). As defined by the implementing guidelines of the PNFS, minor inclusions are applicable for drugs that are currently listed in the PNF, but are being applied for additional strength, immediate packaging and net content.

Upon thoughtful deliberation by the HTA Council, submissions for minor inclusions will now be accepted following the prescribed process of the old PNF System (PNFS), including but not limited to, submission of relevant forms and documents, certification or justification from the relevant society on the clinical need for the particular health technology and cost analysis of the new regimen compared to the currently listed regimen in PNF. Minor applications shall only be processed upon complete submission of requirements. For more information, please contact the HTA Unit through email at hta.philippines@gmail.com.

For your information and guidance.