



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Health  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

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**DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

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

**SUBJECT: Inclusion of 0.1% Sodium Hyaluronate (15 mL) and 2.5% Peritoneal Dialysis Solution (2L and 5L) in the Philippine National Formulary**

By virtue of Republic Act 11223, otherwise known as the Universal Health Care (UHC) Act, health technology assessment (HTA) shall be institutionalized as a fair and transparent priority-setting mechanism to provide financing and coverage recommendations on health technologies to be funded by the Department of Health and the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation.

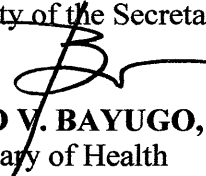
In relation to the request of Asian Eyes Optical Incorporated and the Philippine General Hospital (PGH) and National Kidney Transplant Institute (NKTII) to include 0.1% Sodium Hyaluronate and 2.5% Peritoneal Dialysis Solution (2L and 5L), respectively, in the Philippine National Formulary (PNF), please be informed that the Secretary of Health approved the final recommendation of the Health Technology Assessment Council (HTAC), to wit:

Ophthalmic solution	Indication: Surgical aid in the anterior segment during cataract extraction and intraocular lens implantation.  Solution: 0.1% (1mg/ml), 5mL and 15 mL-bottle
Peritoneal Dialysis Solution (Baxter)	Indication: Correct acid and electrolyte imbalance, and fluid overload; remove metabolites in renal failure  Solution: Sterile with 2.5% dextrose, 2L and 5L bottle/bag

Kindly disseminate to all concerned officials in your areas of responsibility, so they may be appropriately guided in their procurement activities. All are enjoined to ensure rational procurement, distribution and use of health technologies in all government and private facilities.

Your full cooperation in this endeavor is expected and highly appreciated.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health:

  
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