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Department of Health
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

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TO: ALL DIRECTORS OF BUREAUS AND REGIONAL OFFICES, BARM MINISTERS OF HEALTH; CHIEFS OF MEDICAL CENTERS, HOSPITALS AND SANITARIA, AND OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT: Endorsement of Topic Submissions from National Health Programs for Health Technology Assessment


Pursuant to Republic Act No. 11223, or the Universal Health Care Law, 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 (DOH) and the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth).

For guided decisions on priorities for funding, DOH national health programs are mandated to submit topic nominations to the HTA Unit. The said nominations must have been vetted by the head of office (i.e., director) to indicate alignment on priorities. Relative thereto, may we respectfully request that all topics submission forms be signed by the head of the office for proper correspondence and endorsement to the HTA Unit.

The HTA Unit is amenable to setting meetings with national health programs for feedback on the nominated topics when necessary. Should you have further questions or concerns, you may coordinate with them through email at hta@doh.gov.ph. Thank you very much and best regards.

For your information and guidance.

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