



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

**MEMORANDUM**

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

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**SUBJECT:** **REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON EVALUATION FRAMEWORK FOR COVID-19 VACCINES (VERSION 2)**

**DATE:** 16 August 2021

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Pursuant to Republic Act No. 11223, otherwise known as the Universal Health Care UHC Act, the Health Technology Assessment Council (HTAC) is mandated 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). The HTAC is expected to oversee the HTA process implementation and assess existing and new health technologies for funding decisions.

In the evidence appraisal and recommendation development for COVID-19 vaccines, the HTAC is guided by the following criteria reflected in the original version of the Evaluation Framework: responsiveness to magnitude and severity; clinical efficacy, effectiveness and safety; affordability and viability; social impact; and responsiveness to equity. Considering the national and global developments in COVID-19 Vaccination in 2020-2021 and the National Goals of the Vaccination Program, the HTAC recognizes the need to develop a more specific set of criteria for the 2022 Vaccine Procurement, and is in the process of updating the Evaluation Framework that would include relevant research questions, evidence to be considered and HTAC specifications.

Therefore, we are kindly requesting your good office to provide your **comments/suggestions directly on the following document not later than 30 August 2021 (Monday)**, as your inputs will prove valuable in refining the criteria that would help assess the different health technologies that may be beneficial to our country:

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/10PxdSdlbw23QmDCczmLi-L\\_Lf9RtbjMOVSYLDS5qjRM/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/10PxdSdlbw23QmDCczmLi-L_Lf9RtbjMOVSYLDS5qjRM/edit?usp=sharing)

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