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**DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ORDER**

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**SUBJECT: Creation of the pool of clinical experts for consultation on the evaluation of assessment topics**

Pursuant to Republic Act 11223, otherwise known as the "Universal Health Care Act," all health technologies that will be funded by the Department of Health and the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation shall undergo health technology assessment (HTA). This aims to establish the rational utilization of various health technologies that will be funded by the government.

To ensure that the appraisal process responds to the needs of patients, health care providers, healthcare organizations, and other health system partners, the HTA Council (HTAC) plans to create a pool of experts that will provide perspective on clinical management and treatment pathways for various health technologies under assessment. Such experts will be involved in an interactive and participatory discourse to improve applicability and encourage contextualization of data for assessments. The pool of clinical experts shall be comprised of the following:

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This DPO shall be amended as appropriate in anticipation of the constant change in leadership among the societies.



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