DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM
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HOSPITALS, SANITARIA AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF
SPECIALTY HOSPITALS

SUBJECT: Adjustment of the 2015 Drug Price Reference Index (DPRI) on
Selected Medicines

The DOH – Pharmaceutical Division (PD) is currently implementing the Drug Price
Reference Index (DPRI) as a ceiling price for procurement of essential medicines in all
Government Hospitals and Agencies. The DPRI aims to maximize government funds in the
expenditure for essential medicines by minimizing the observed variation of prices of
medicines across public health facilities.

We are hereby posting the revised/adjusted prices for some products after further
review of the price data.

For essential medicines whose prices are currently not available from the 2015 DPRI,
the facility may use the procurement price of the previous year or survey procurement prices
of other government health facilities in their locality.

You may download the revised 2015 DPRI in our website at www.ncpam.doh.gov.ph.
Also you may view the list of suppliers providing the prices the same as the DPRI or lower at

Relative thereto, the National Drug Policy Officer in each respective Region and the
Electronic Drug Price Monitoring System (EDPMS) Helpdesk shall aid to disseminate this
information to all implementing health facilities in accordance to the scope and coverage of
the Administrative Order No. 2015 – 0051 dated December 17, 2015 entitled “Guidelines in
the Implementation of the Philippine Drug Price Reference Index (DPRI) to All Public
Hospitals and Health Facilities”
Should you have any inquiries or clarifications, please contact Mr. Jeffrey T. Castro at telephone no. (02) 651 – 7800 local 2554 – 2559.

For strict compliance and prompt action.

By the Authority of the Secretary of Health:

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