DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM
No. 2016 - 0311

TO : DOH – ARMM SECRETARY, ALL DIRECTORS OF DOH REGIONAL OFFICES, CHIEFS OF MEDICAL CENTERS, HOSPITALS, SANITARIA AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF SPECIALTY HOSPITALS

SUBJECT : Clarification of the Drug Price Reference Index’s (DPRI) Application to All Forms of Procurement

This is to reiterate that the Drug Price Reference Index (DPRI) shall be the ceiling price of all government facilities and agencies in all modes of procurement as stipulated in the RA 9184 (Government Procurement Reform Act) namely; Public Bidding, Negotiated Procurement, Small Value Procurement, Local Shopping, Emergency Procurement, Direct Contracting and other alternative modes of procurement stated in the latter law (Rule XVI – Alternative Methods of Procurement). Moreover, this is to clarify that the prices of essential medicines to be consigned by any health facility shall conform with the reference price set by the DOH – NCPAM which is currently recognized as the DPRI as mentioned in AO No. 2006 – 0039.

For other questions or concerns you may contact Mr. Jeffrey Castro or Ms. Priscilla Alimario at (02) 651 – 7800 ext. 2557 or through email at dohdprr@gmail.com.

Your utmost support to achieve efficient procurement are highly appreciated.

For information and strict compliance.

By the Authority of the Secretary of Health:

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