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TO : **DIRECTORS OF CENTERS FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT (CHDs), CHIEFS OF MEDICAL CENTERS, HOSPITALS, SANITARIA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF SPECIALTY HOSPITALS, MINISTER OF HEALTH – BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (MOH-BARMM), LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGU) HEALTH FACILITIES AND OTHERS CONCERNED**

SUBJECT : **GUIDELINES IN THE UTILIZATION AND CALCULATION OF DRUG PRICE REFERENCE INDEX (DPRI) FOR THE HEALTH FACILITIES IN GEOGRAPHICALLY ISOLATED AND DISADVANTAGED AREAS (GIDA)**

To address equitable access to quality and affordable healthcare goods and services the DOH – Pharmaceutical Division allowed the use of maximum price in the range used in the calculation of the Drug Price Reference Index (DPRI) for areas under the Geographically Isolated and Disadvantage Areas (GIDAs) as stated in the specific guidelines number 13, page 6 of the Administrative Order No. 2019-0040 entitled “*Revised Guidelines in the Implementation of the Philippine Drug Price Reference Index (DPRI) to all Public Hospitals and Health Facilities.*” of the DPRI. The list of GIDAs shall be based on the updates list from the DOH-Bureau of Local Health Systems and Development (BLHSD). To provide an equitable distribution of health service and benefits by prioritizing the GIDAs and to achieve successful bidding in the future, the guidelines in the usage of the DPRI for Health Facilities in GIDAs are as follows:

For Local Government Units Health Facilities

Procuring entities within the province, city or municipality identified as GIDA by the DOH-BLHSD may opt to use the maximum price in the range used in the calculation of the DPRI. However, there is no need to add 10% inflationary cost. (see Annex A.1)

If the maximum price in the range is lower than the current DPRI plus the variation of 10% inflationary cost, the procuring entity may use the current DPRI plus the variation of 10% to account for inflation.

However, for those procuring entities that are not identified as GIDA by the DOH-BLHSD, they will use the current DPRI column in the booklet plus the 10% inflationary cost.


For DOH Health Facilities (Retained, Specialty Hospitals and Centers for Health Development)

- DOH Region 3 office
- Labuan Public Hospital

The above list of DOH retained hospitals and CHDs, are only allowed to use the maximum price in the range in the calculation of the DPRI based on the updated list provided by the DOH-BLHSD and there is no need to increase 10% for the inflationary cost.

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By the authority of the Secretary of Health


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ANNEX A.1 (LGU Health Facilities identified as GIDA)

Region	Province	City/Municipality	Barangay
EASTERN VISAYAS	BILIRAN	MARIPIPI	Binalayan East
EASTERN VISAYAS	BILIRAN	MARIPIPI	Trabugan
EASTERN VISAYAS	BILIRAN	NAVAL (Capital)	Libertad

The province of Biliran is composed of 8 municipalities whereas only 2 municipalities are identified as GIDA from the updated list provided by the DOH-BLHSD which are Maripipi and Naval

The municipalities of Maripipi and Naval including the Provincial Capitol of Biliran have the benefit to use the maximum price in the range used in the calculation of the DPRI but they are not allowed to add 10% for the inflationary cost since they already used the highest range in the calculation.