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Department of Health
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

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

SUBJECT : Availability of 2017 Drug Price Reference Index (DPRI)

The Department of Health (DOH) is currently implementing a national drug pricing strategy known as the Drug Price Reference Index (DPRI). It aims to maximize the government fund by improving the efficiency in procurement of essential medicines.

Recently, by the recommendation of the Drug Price and Access Advisory Committee (DPAAC), a new method in setting the reference price was considered. Relative thereto, the DOH – Pharmaceutical Division was tasked to apply the said method for the DPRI 2017 that will be available by October of this year.

Recognizing that most of the stakeholders are preparing their 2018 Project Procurement Management Plan (PPMP) by October, the DOH recommends to delay the preparation of the PPMP until the 2017 DPRI has been published.

Once the DPRI 2017 is available, the DOH – PD will be disseminating the electronic copy to all DOH facilities through emails of each facility, pharmacist or BAC member collected by PD from their previous activities. Electronic copies will be also available online at www.dpri.doh.gov.ph. To secure timely receipt of the 2017 DPRI, everyone is encouraged to input their email address at bit.ly/2xOpYji link.

For further questions or clarifications, you may contact Mr. Jeffrey Castro at telephone number (02) 875 – 7734 or (02) 875 – 7264 locals 252 – 253.

For strict compliance.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health:

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