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FDA ADVISORY
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TO: ALL ESTABLISHMENTS DISPENSING MEDICINES

SUBJECT: REITERATION OF DOH ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2012-0007 AS AMENDED

All establishments dispensing medicines are directed to implement Department of Health (DOH) Administrative Order (A.O.) No. 2012-0007, entitled "*Guidelines on the Grant of 20% Discount to Senior Citizens on Health-Related Goods and for Other Purposes,*" as amended by A.O. No. 2012-0007-A which included vitamins and minerals supplements in the coverage thereof.

As amended, A.O. No. 2012-0007, Part IV, Section 3, Paragraph 3.1 provides that:

The 20% discount and VAT exemption shall apply to the purchase of generic or branded medicines and drugs by or for senior citizens, including the purchase of influenza and pneumococcal vaccines. The 20% discount and VAT exemption shall also be granted to the purchase of vitamins and mineral supplements which are medically prescribed by an attending physician for prevention and treatment of diseases, illness, or injury. xxx

All establishments dispensing medicines, including vitamins and minerals supplements, are reminded to honor the benefits provided under A.O. No. 2012-0007, as amended. Strict monitoring shall be conducted. Appropriate action shall be taken in coordination with other government offices against those found violating R.A. No. 9994, or the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010, and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).

Dissemination of this Advisory to all concerned is hereby requested.


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