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Department of Health
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

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**To : TO CHIEF OF HOSPITALS, MEDICAL CENTERS, SANITARIA AND
TO ALL OTHER CONCERN**

**Subject : GUIDELINES IN THE STRENGTHENING OF THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE "PROJECT MURANG GAMOT PRESYONG DOH"**

In view of the on-going project "Murang Gamot Presyong DOH" the following are the specific standards/uniform operating policies/procedures to make the implementation more effective, efficient and more responsive to the needs of the general public:

1. The project shall continue the availability of the essential drugs and medicines expanded from 10 to 20 items as approved by the National Drug Committee under their generics names in all DOH hospital pharmacies at different forms and preparations not only for in and out patients of the hospitals but also for the general public.
2. With the provisions of A.O. 116 s. 1992, dated January 1, 1992 on the increased drug ceiling to 100% for hospitals/medical centers for the Murang Gamot Presyong DOH, to ensure uniformity in the effective implementation of the project, the guidelines and procedures prescribed under Joint National Budget Circular No. 321 and COA Circular No. 80-128 are hereby reinforced.
3. Procurement of drugs and medicines under this project shall be conducted in consortium buying to have uniform prices to be consistent with the title "Murang Gamot Presyong DOH."
4. To facilitate periodic monitoring of the project, the stocks procured from the PHC funds authorized by DBM in its letter dated September 23, 1991 and transferred by the Central Office to pilot hospital shall be accounted separately by the hospitals.
5. All drugs and medicines procured for this project shall be transferred immediately from the property/supply section to the hospital pharmacies.
6. BFAD Circular No. 23 s. 1994 dated September 16, 1994 as the implementing guidelines for RA 7432, the Senior Citizens Act provides, as a general rule, that any single dispensing should not be more than one (1) week supply. However, when the drugs are for chronic conditions requiring continuous use for more than a month, such as but not limited to anti-parkinsonism, anti-arthritis, anti-TB, Anti- neoplastic, anti-psychotic, hormonal drugs for prolonged use and dietary supplements, a maximum of one-month supply maybe dispensed at a time.

7. For control and monitoring purposes, these drugs and medicines shall be maintained and accounted for separately from other stocks of the hospital pharmacy with monthly report, copy furnished the National Drug Policy, DOH.
8. To expedite the evaluation of this project, separate records/ledgers shall be maintained for the sales of the twenty (20) essential Drugs and Medicines.
9. Vigorous Information, Education and Communication (IEC) shall be continued via generics corners/posters to promote public awareness that the essential Drugs and Medicines are expanded to 20 items and are available and accessible at DOH hospital pharmacies to the general public at a very low price.
10. Relative to the project "Murang Gamot Presyong DOH, " the hospital pharmacies are enforced to carry in their stocks the attached expanded list of 20 essential drugs and medicines in their generic names. (annex A)
11. The National Drug Policy, Tailored Procurement Pillar shall oversee, monitor and evaluate the progress of the project.

All other related orders inconsistent thereto are hereby rescinded.

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