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FDA CIRCULAR

No. 2010-017

**TO: ALL DRUG MANUFACTURERS, TRADERS, DISTRIBUTORS,
IMPORTERS, WHOLESALERS AND DRUGSTORE CHAINS**


FROM: NAZARITA T. TACANDONG, RPh, MPA
Acting Director IV

**SUBJECT: Uploading of All Data for the Electronic Essential Drug Price
Monitoring System (e-EDPMS)**

Please find herein Department Memorandum No. 2010-0096 dated 05 May 2010 and Department Circular No. 2010-0200 dated 16 July 2010 requiring the uploading of all data for the electronic Essential Drug Price Monitoring System (e-EDPMS).

In this regard, all are enjoined to **upload their data in the e-EDPMS website on or before 15 October 2010**. The Department of Health (DOH)-National Center for Pharmaceutical Access and Management (NCPAM) and Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will conduct a nationwide joint monitoring on the implementation of the said system. Non-compliance to this Memorandum shall be meted with administrative sanctions and penalties as imposed under the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act No. 9502 also known as "Universally Accessible, Cheaper and Quality Medicines Act of 2008", including but not limited to non-renewal of your License to Operate (LTO).

For your strict compliance.



Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

No. 2010 - 0096

TO: ALL DOH RETAINED HOSPITALS, SELECT LGU HOSPITAL PHARMACIES, DRUGSTORE CHAINS AND PRIVATE HOSPITAL PHARMACIES IN URBAN AREAS

SUBJECT: Uploading of Data for Electronic Essential Drug Price Monitoring System (e-EDPMS)

Pursuant to R.A. 9502 otherwise known as the Universally Accessible Cheaper and Quality Medicines Act of 2008, the state shall adopt appropriate measures to promote and ensure access to affordable quality drugs and medicines to all. Also, as stated in the joint (DOH-DTI-IPO-BFAD Administrative Order 2008-01) the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of R.A.9502, Chapter V- Price Monitoring and Regulation System and the Creation of Advisory Bodies and Consultative Councils particularly on Rule 26- Establishment of Price Monitoring for Drug Regulation Price System, "the Secretary of Health shall establish and initiate an electronic price monitoring and regulation system for drugs and medicines".

Furthermore, in Chapter IV, Powers of the Secretary of Health, Rule 25 states, "the Secretary of Health shall exercise such powers and functions as may be necessary to implement and enforce price regulation of drugs and medicines including the power to require the production and submission of records, documents, books of accounts and bills of lading input documents, records of purchase and sale and such other documents as may be deemed necessary, to enable him to carry out his functions, duties and responsibilities".

Relative thereto, please be informed of the following schedules for the Implementation of electronic Essential Drug Price Monitoring System (e-EDPMS).

SCHEDULE FOR INITIAL UPLOADING OF DATA	DRUG ESTABLISHMENTS
May 31, 2010	➤ All DOH Retained Hospital Pharmacies and select Local Government Hospitals.
	➤ All urban Private Hospital Pharmacies
	➤ All Chain Drugstores

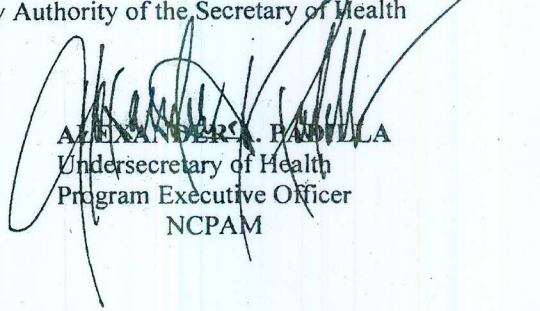
Please be informed of the following schedules of data uploading:

1. **Twice a month (every 2nd Friday and 4th Friday of the month) - for chain drugstores (with three to four branches)**
2. **Weekly (every Friday of the week) – for super chain drugstore (with five or more branches) (e.g. Mercury Drug, Watsons Personal Care, Rose Pharmacy, Save More, South Star etc.), Drugstores with Electronic System, DOH Retained Hospitals, Other National Government Hospital Pharmacies, Select LGU Hospital Pharmacies and Private Hospital Pharmacies.**

During the transition, small (single branch) and medium (limited to two branches) size drugstores need not upload data to the e-EDPMS until such time when these issues (e.g. uploading, training, computer acquisition of the stores and other related issues) are addressed. However, we will appreciate small and medium drugstores that can upload their data with the above-said schedule. Moreover, for those who have not availed of the training, please coordinate with your respective DOH regional office or contact e-EDPMS Help Desk at tel. no: 743-8301 local 1912 or 1935 or visit our website <http://umis.doh.gov.ph/eedpms>.

For your guidance and compliance.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health



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July 16, 2010

DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR:
No.2010- 0200

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SUBJECT: Uploading of all DATA for Electronic Essential Drug Price Monitoring System (e-EDPMS).

It is the policy of the state to protect public health and, when the public interest or circumstances of extreme urgency so require, it shall adopt appropriate measures to promote and ensure access to affordable quality drugs and medicines for all. The state also recognizes a reserve instrument for the regulation of prices of drugs and medicines, with a clear Accountability by the implementing authority as mandated in Republic Act 9502 also known as the "UNIVERSALLY ACCESSIBLE CHEAPER AND QUALITY OF MEDICINES ACT OF 2008."

As stated in the joint (DOH-DTI-IPO-BFAD -Administrative Order 2008-01) Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of R.A.9502, Particularly Chapter V - Price Monitoring and Regulation System and the Creation of Advisory Bodies and Consultative Councils, Rule 26, the Secretary of Health is authorized to establish and initiate an electronic price monitoring and regulation system for drugs and medicines (18; n)

Further, Chapter IV - Powers of the Secretary of Health under Rule 25 of RA 9502 states that "the Secretary of Health shall exercise such powers and functions as may be necessary to implement and enforce price regulation of drugs and medicines including the power to require the production and submission of records, documents, books of account and bills of lading input documents, records of purchase and sale and such other documents as may be deemed as necessary, to enable him to carry out his functions, duties, and responsibilities.(19 F).

In compliance with Republic Act No.7581, also known as the "Price Act 1992", it explicitly identifies the Department of Health (DOH) as the lead Implementing Agency in identifying essential drugs as 'basic necessities' with corresponding prices.

Thus, for the effective implementation of the above laws and issuances there is a need to capacitate all drug establishments for an efficient and effective standard system and procedure for data collection and uploading of prices, as well as the inventory of essential drugs and other drugs stated in RA 9502 of Section 5. (List of Drugs and Medicines that are subject to Price Regulation).

Relative thereto, please be informed of the following schedules and deadlines for the Implementation of electronic Essential Drug Price Monitoring System (e-EDPMS) as stated on this Department Memorandum.

Schedule for deadline of initial uploading of data will be on **July 31, 2010** and the next uploading will be on **August 13, 2010** and **every two weeks thereafter**. However, for all Toll Manufactures engaged in operational services, please be informed that they are all exempted from uploading their data for the e-EDPMS but they are still mandated to reflect all the transaction service fees rendered in their respective companies. All data should be submitted both in hard and soft copies.

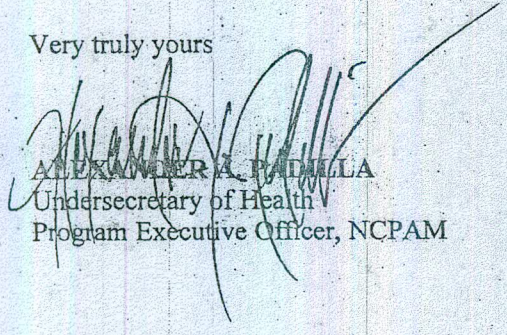
Please be reminded also that data uploading to e-EDPMS is **twice a month (every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month)** starting on the above schedule.

For those who have not submitted the Registration of Personnel (Authorized to use the e-EDPMS form), the issuance of username and password will be given upon the submission of the form two (2) days before the deadline of the initial uploading of data.

For inquiries, please call DOH-NCPAM at telephone no. 743-8301 local 1101-1103 or email them at dohncpam@gmail.com. The DOH-IMS Help Desk can also answer your queries at telephone no. 743-8301 local 1912 or 1935 or visit their website at <http://umis.doh.gov.ph/eedpms> for further details.

For your information and strict compliance.

Very truly yours


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