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Department of Health  
**FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION**



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**SUBJECT: Public Information on DOH-FDA Requirement for Senior Citizens to Avail of 20% Discount on Medicines**

The public is hereby informed that as per DOH Administrative Order No. 2010-0032, *Guidelines and Mechanisms to Implement the Provisions of Republic Act No. 9994, otherwise known as "The Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010", on the Sale of Medicines and the Sharing of the 20% Senior Citizens' Discount*, Section V.III. Documentary Requirements, supported by the National Coordinating Monitoring Board (NCMB) Resolution No. 1 of Series of 2013 entitled "*Clarifying The Use Of Senior Citizens Identification Documents In The Availment Of Benefits And Privileges Under Republic Act No. 9994, Otherwise Known As The Expanded Senior Citizens Act Of 2010*", Senior Citizens may avail the 20% discount on medicines from all hospital and private retail pharmacies by presenting ANY of the following documents:

- a. Identification card (ID) issued by the city or municipal mayor or Office for Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) or the barangay captain of the place where the Senior Citizen resides;
- b. The Philippine passport of the senior citizen concerned; or
- c. Other government-issued identification documents indicating an elderly's birthdate such as: driver's license, voters ID, SSS/GSIS ID, PRC card, postal ID, among others.

Senior citizens must also bring their Purchase Slip Booklets for the purpose of recording the medicines purchased for every transaction.

The public is further informed that a doctor's prescription is not required for over-the-counter medicines to avail of the 20% discount.

All drug outlets and hospital pharmacies are hereby required to grant 20% discount on medicines purchased by Senior Citizens upon presentation of any of the above requirements. Sanctions and penalties shall be imposed by the FDA as stated in Section 7 of R.A. No. 9994, amending Section 10 of R.A. No. 9257.

  
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