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SUBJECT: Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Philippine Pharmacists Association (PPhA) Mull Plan to Authorize Community Pharmacists to Administer Vaccines

The FDA-DOH in collaboration with the Philippine Pharmacists Association (PPhA) plans to train and authorize FDA-licensed community pharmacists to administer adult vaccines and other immuno-products. Licensed-pharmacists in FDA-licensed drug outlets who have completed the training course may be authorized by the FDA to vaccinate healthy individuals.

The training course will be conducted by the FDA-DOH together with a licensed immunizing pharmacist. The course will include the following modules: 1) safe injection technique; 2) cold chain management of vaccines and other biological products; 3) pharmacovigilance; including recognition; 4) reporting of adverse event following immunization (AEFI); and 5) management of anaphylaxis, in the rare case that it occurs.

Vaccination of adult individuals will ensure protection of healthy adults against infectious diseases, like influenza, and ensure protection of other susceptible individuals, namely infants and children, pregnant women, elderly persons or persons with disabilities or chronic medical conditions, and other immuno-compromised patients.

Drug outlets, which numbers more than 24,000 all over the country, will be partners of government in promoting public health and in ensuring that Filipinos, especially the marginalized sectors of society, can have access to available and affordable vaccines. The DOH is working closely with PhilHealth in order to fully cover the cost of adult vaccination for qualified individuals.

The PPhA Officers, led by its President, Dr. Olivia Limuaco, is supporting the FDA Director General, Dr. Kenneth Y. Hartigan-Go, consistent with the PPhA motto, "All for Patients' Safety and Better Pharmacy Services".


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