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Department of Health
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM
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FOR : ALL DOH REGIONAL OFFICES (RO) DIRECTORS AND AUTONOMOUS REGION FOR MUSLIM MINDANAO (ARMM) SECRETARY OF HEALTH

SUBJECT : Implementation of the revised NTP Manual of Procedures (MOP)

DATE : 28 August 2014

The Manual of Procedures (MOP) of the National Tuberculosis Control Program (NTP) stipulates the policies and guidelines to guide health workers at various levels, public and private, in the implementation of tuberculosis control. The MOP has been revised in 2013 to update and harmonize its provisions with the global guidelines recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO) and International Standards for TB Care (ISTC), strategies of 2010-2016 Philippine Plan of Action to Control TB (PhilPACT) and current initiatives of NTP for the achievement of "Kalusugang Pankalahatan" (KP). General changes include 1) integrated case-finding and case-holding guidelines for adult and children, 2) enhanced management of susceptible and multi-drug resistant TB, 3) roll-out of rapid diagnostic tools, 4) new initiatives such as intensified casefinding, infection control and referral system, 5) identification of more decision-making options for attending physician, 6) revised targets and indicators per PhilPACT provisions and 7) introduction of new terminologies.


The 5th edition of the MOP is a collaborative effort among public and private counterparts, implementers, and local and international partners. It has been extensively reviewed by key stakeholders, both public and private.

Currently, the revised MOP is being rolled-out to all implementers at the local level through a cascade training approach. It is expected that all DOTS service providers, public and private, shall immediately commence its implementation at their respective facilities upon completion of training.

This department memorandum hereby directs all DOH-ROs Directors and ARMM Secretary of Health through the regional NTP coordinators, to inform all health facilities within the NTP network to utilize the revised MOP, 5th edition, for guidance in the implementation of NTP.

For information and compliance.

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