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SUBJECT: Guidelines on the Utilization of the Fund Transfer for the implementation of the DOTS Plus Multi-Drug Resistant TB patients and other NTP Initiatives at the Lung Center of the Philippines

I. Rationale

In 2005, the LCP --Public Health Domiciliary Unit (PHDU) DOTS Center of the Lung Center became the first public satellite of DOTS Plus pilot project of a non government organization that started treating multi-drug resistant TB. Initially there are only 52 patients that have been treated for a year. The satellite site became a treatment center in 2006 that have done the diagnosis and administer treatment to more than hundred of multi drug resistant patients. At present a total of 203 patients are on-going treatment at the LCP-PHDU DOTS Treatment Center.

As part of the Green Light Committee (GLC) protocol of treating MDR patients, contact tracing is important most especially done to those adults and children living with the index case. Children have to be treated well if they are diagnosed as suffering from tuberculosis. The DOH Policies and Guidelines on TB in Children have started to be implemented on September 2007. Currently, a total of 70 children are on going treatment in the facility.

Patients referred from OPD and those coming from the hospital wards and are diagnosed as smear positive and residing within the barangay of LCP are being assisted in terms of administration of anti-TB drugs under supervised direct observed treatment. A total of 100 on going patients are currently given first line anti-TB drugs.

II. Objective

To augment M.O.O.E. funds of the LCP-PHDU DOTS Treatment Center

III. General Guidelines

1. The Infectious Disease Office, National Center for Disease Prevention and Control Office, Department of Health shall transfer a total amount of **Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P3,500,000.00)** from the **TB Control Program Fund** to the Lung Center of the Philippines (LCP).
2. The fund transfer shall be used to augment the funds for the technical support of the Treatment Centers/Treatment Sites for the implementation and supervision of MDR-TB patients and other NTP initiatives. These shall include the following:
 - Monthly Monitoring to all decentralized patients after the intensive phase of treatment at the treatment center. The monitoring team shall include two (2) technical staff (MD and Nurse/ Treatment Supervisor) and one (1) driver.
 - Additional Ancillary drugs to treat the adverse effects of drugs during the 18 months of treatment



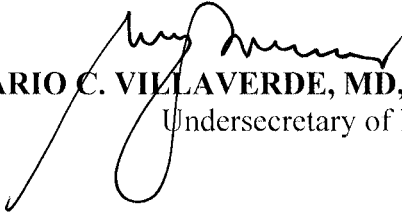
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- Other laboratory procedures not included in the usual follow-up exams such as serum, electrolytes, liver profile, Chest X-ray as necessary.
 - Quarterly meetings with the staff of treatment sites (public health center), in order to know issues and concerns of patients decentralized to their facility (food is needed for a one day meeting)
3. The Designated National MDRTB Point person shall be allowed to re-align /re-program any excess amount when necessary and in consultation with the Director of the Hospital as long as the funds shall be used for the DOTS Plus operations/DOTS Plus orientation activity to selected community health staff as treatment partners.
 4. The expenditures of the sub-allotment budget are subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
 5. The Designated National MDRTB Point Person shall ensure that the liquidation/ post – activity reports shall be submitted to the Hospital Finance Service, noted/approved by the hospital Director and copy furnished TB Unit – Infectious Disease Office, NCDPC, DOH Manila after completion of the activity.

By the Authority of the Secretary of Health:


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