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**DEPARTMENT ORDER**

No. 2011- 0199

**Subject: Guidelines for the Utilization of SA Funds to the CHDs for the Improvement of the TB-DOTS services**

**Rationale:**

In line with the objectives of the PhilPACT to ensure provision of quality basic TB services and in support to the improvement of health service delivery at the local level, the National TB Program (NTP) is sub-allotting funds to the CHDs for use of LGUs on the provision of TB services and other public health-related programs.

Currently, there are 560 municipalities /cities, as determined by the DSWD for the Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) program that need improvement on their basic health services. In addition, 140 RHU/City TB DOTS Center will also be assisted through these funds to improve their operations and to sustain quality of their daily operations to achieve DOTS certification and eventually become PhilHealth accredited. Such improvements shall also enable the health facilities to attain better client satisfaction.

Likewise, service centers have to readily provide TB services to the population, especially the impoverished, to contribute to poverty alleviation. TB clients need to be assured of better health outcomes complemented with reduction from out-of-pocket costs.

**I. Objectives:**

- 1) To improve the delivery of basic TB-DOTS services by the health centers in the DOTS areas and CCT areas;
- 2) To augment operational/financial support to said areas for the improvement of their health service implementation

**II. General Guidelines:**

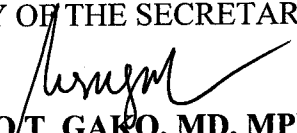
- 1) The infectious Disease Office shall sub-allot to CHDs the total amount of One Hundred Forty Million Pesos (P140,000,000) from the funds of the **National TB Control Program**;
- 2) Each municipality or city main health center identified by the respective CHD, shall be allotted with **Two hundred Thousand Pesos (Php200,000)** and shall be used for the following:



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- a) Needed repair of the health facility to enable this to conform with the standards for DOTS certification to include, but not limited to:**
- a.1) Improvement of patient's waiting area and DOT /Treatment corner
  - a.2) Improvement of sputum collection and/or microscopy section
  - a.3) Improvement of storage area for proper management of TB drugs and other commodities
- b) Provision of directional signage and location guides for easier patient flow**
- c) Augmentation of office supplies to ensure proper recording and needed record-keeping**
- 3) The respective CHDs shall ensure transfer of said funds to the main health centers / other priority main health centers of both prioritized sites that may also include CCT sites and shall ensure its utilization for the said purpose only;
- 4) Fund utilization report shall be submitted by the LGU area to the corresponding CHD, who in turn, will submit to the Finance Service of the Department of Health, endorsed by both the CHD NTP Coordinator and CHD Director on or before November 30, 2011;
- 5) In the event that the sub-allotment has still a remaining amount, even after completion of the intended purpose, such shall be used to finance other activities and expenditures related to the implementation of the NTP;
- 6) Utilization of funds shall be subject to government accounting and auditing rules and regulations

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