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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

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**FOR: ALL DOH REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTORS AND SECRETARY OF
AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO**

**SUBJECT: ADJUSTMENT OF TB-HIV COHORT REPORTING and REGIONAL
COORDINATION ON HIV TESTING KITS for NTP**

One of the key initiatives of the National TB Control Program (NTP) of the Infectious Diseases for Prevention and Control Division is the TB-HIV collaboration. Major activities of this initiative include Provider-Initiated HIV Counselling and Testing (PICT) for TB patients and screening for TB among people living with HIV (PLHIV).

As discussed and agreed during the TB-HIV Technical Working Group meeting, the reporting of the following indicators will be moved to one (1) quarter backwards (see attachment for details) to provide enough time for HIV testing, confirmation and start of Anti-retroviral Therapy (ART) from start of TB treatment:

- a. Number and percentage of TB patients tested among registered patients
- b. Number and percentage of TB patients with HIV+ results among those tested
- c. Number and percentage of HIV+ TB patients started on Co-Trimoxazole Preventive Therapy (CPT)
- d. Number and percentage of HIV+ TB patients started on ART

Furthermore, requisition of HIV testing kit will follow the flow of NTP commodities from DOTS facility up to the regional level (see attachment for details). The regional NTP coordinator, will submit and coordinate the request with the regional National Aids STI Prevention and Control Program (NASPCP) coordinator who shall then coordinate with IDPCD-NASPCP. For 2015, HIV testing kits for NTP will be procured through the NASPCP.

Implementation of these adjustments is effective starting April 1, 2015.

For your information and compliance.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vicente Y. Belizario Jr.", is written above the typed name.

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ADJUSTMENT OF TB-HIV COHORT REPORTING

TB-HIV Reporting Template in NTP Report 3b and 5b

F. HIV Status Among 15 Years Old and Above

| Number of TB Cases registered for the quarter (15 years old and above) | No. of cases tested or with known HIV status during the quarter | Cohort: Year Quarter | | |
|--|---|--|----------------------------------|-----|
| | | No. of TB cases confirmed positive for HIV | Among HIV positive, number given | |
| | | | ART | CPT |
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The count of TB patients aged 15 years old and above who are eligible for HIV testing, count of TB patients who were actually tested, count of TB patients who were subsequently confirmed for HIV and count of TB-HIV co-infected patients at the DOTS facility being given ART or CPT, will be obtained from patients **registered in the previous quarter**, not the current reporting period (e.g., for the 2nd quarter report, refer to cases referred during the 1st quarter). To ensure that the correct cohort is reflected, indicate the cohort reported above table F as shown above. Below is a guide for cohort reporting.

| Reporting Period | Cohort of Patients to be Reported in TB | Cohort of Patients to be Reported in HIV |
|--|--|---|
| 1 st quarter of current year (eg, April 2015) | 1 st quarter of current year (eg, Jan-Mar 2015) | 4 th quarter of previous year (eg, Oct-Dec 2014) |
| 2 nd quarter of current year (eg, July 2015) | 2 nd quarter of current year (eg, Apr-Jun 2015) | 1 st quarter of current year (eg, Jan-Mar 2015) |
| 3 rd quarter of current year (eg, October 2015) | 3 rd quarter of current year (eg, Jul-Sep 2015) | 2 nd quarter of current year (eg, Apr-Jun 2015) |
| 4 th quarter of current year (eg, Jan 2016) | 4 th quarter of current year (eg, Oct-Dec 2015) | 3 rd quarter of current year (eg, Jul-Sep 2015) |

In effect, this coming April 2015, 2014 Q4 registered TB patients will be re-reported.

Reminding everyone as well on the following:

- Number of TB Cases registered for the quarter refers to ALL registered patients 15 years and above
- Number of Cases tested or with known HIV status during the quarter include both reactive and non-reactive results and PLHIV registered.
- Number of TB cases confirmed positive for HIV are cases confirmed by SACCL

REGIONAL COORDINATION ON HIV TESTING KITS for NTP

Regional NTP Coordinator will submit and request for HIV testing kits to regional NASPCP Coordinator.

