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Department of Health
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

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TO: ALL DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTORS, SECRETARY OF HEALTH AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO, AND DIRECTORS OF HOSPITALS WITH PROGRAMMATIC MANAGEMENT OF DRUG-RESISTANT TUBERCULOSIS (PMDT) TREATMENT FACILITIES

SUBJECT: Temporary Change in the Standard Treatment Regimen for Drug Resistant TB Cases and Drug Stock Level to be Provided to Treatment Sites (TS) and IDOTS Facilities

The Global Drug Facility (GDF) source of Second-Line Drugs for PMDT has informed the National TB Control Program (NTP) of ongoing global shortage of Kanamycin. This situation will also affect the stock level in the country and other countries that are being supplied by GDF.

To address such situation and to ensure uninterrupted supply of Kanamycin for ongoing patients, all PMDT Treatment Facilities are instructed to use Capreomycin instead of Kanamycin of the Standard Treatment Regimen for NEWLY enrolled DR-TB patients starting November 1, 2015 until further notice. In the meantime, all patients enrolled before November 1, 2015 will continue to use Kanamycin as their injectable until the Intensive Phase is complete.

Furthermore, to better manage the remaining stocks of Kanamycin, all Treatment Centers / Satellite Treatment Centers are advised to provide 2 months of supply only and not the 3 months + 1 month buffer to the TS and IDOTS facilities.

For strict compliance.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health:

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