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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: Lifting Department Memorandum No. 2015-0356 : 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 already delivered in the Central Warehouse the needed supply of Kanamycin last December 29, 2015 that is intended for the consumption of DR-TB patients of the National TB Control Program. This delivery will be enough to ensure continuous and uninterrupted supply of Kanamycin for all ongoing users and for new enrollees of DR-TB patients.

In this regard, all PMDT Treatment Facilities are instructed to use Kanamycin for NEWLY enrolled DR-TB patients starting February 1, 2016. However, all enrolled DR-TB patients from Nov. 1, 2015 to January 31, 2016 who started with Capreomycin will continue the use of Capreomycin as their injectable drug unless there will be a change in the regimen as decided by the PMDT Physician.

Furthermore, to better manage the newly delivered stocks of Kanamycin, all Treatment Centers (TC)/Satellite Treatment Centers (STC) are advised to provide 2 months supply only and NOT the 3 months + 1 month buffer to the Treatment Sites (TS) and IDOTS facilities. For the succeeding months, the TS and IDOTS facilities shall request the original 3 months + 1 month buffer of stocks to TC or STC.

For strict compliance.

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