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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

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FOR : SECRETARY OF HEALTH OF AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (ARMM) AND ALL DOH REGIONAL OFFICE (RO) DIRECTORS, AND CHIEFS OF PHILIPPINE CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER (PCMC), BAGUIO GENERAL HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER (BGHMC) AND SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES MEDICAL CENTER (SPMC)

SUBJECT : Conduct of the Catastrophic Cost Study for the National TB Control Program (NTP) and the Support Needed from Concerned Agencies

The National Tuberculosis Control Program (NTP) of the Disease Prevention and Control Bureau, in collaboration with the University of the Philippine Economics Health Policy Development Program (HPDP), World Health Organization and Global Fund through Philippine Business for Social Progress, will conduct a national survey on the costs faced by TB-affected households, particularly the magnitude of households facing catastrophic cost due to Tuberculosis. This study will serve as the country's baseline for the Sustainable Development Goals indicator of percent of TB affected families focusing catastrophic cost due to TB.

A total of 188 DOTS facility from across the country have been randomly selected (please see attached document). In each facility, ten (10) patients who are ongoing treatment will be randomly selected centrally, through the Integrated TB Information System (ITIS), and will be asked to come to an agreed schedule for an interview in the health facility. The interview of the 10 patients will be conducted during the 4-day stay of the field survey team in the site.

Target schedule is as follows:

Day 1 – Data extraction through records review

Day 2 to 3 – Patient interview

Day 4 – Home visit to patients who were not able to come, if needed

The interview will last for 30 minutes to more than an hour. Presence of the health worker during the interview is discouraged. It is also requested that the area for the interview has proper infection control measures. If ever the selected patient is a minor, the parent or legal guardian will be interviewed.

This memorandum is hereby issued to inform the roles of DOH Regional Offices, Local Government Units (LGU), DOTS facilities including selected hospitals, and the field survey team.

A. DOH-Regional Offices:

1. Provide NTP Management Office the contact person, contact information, and complete address of the selected sites
2. Inform the LGUs and selected sites regarding the conduct of the study
3. Coordinate with the LGUs and the selected sites the schedule of the visit and ensure active participation

B. DOTS and PMDT Facilities including selected Hospitals:

1. Ensure ITIS records of all ongoing patients, including fields not routinely required are updated at least a month before scheduled facility visit; fields requested to be updated are the following:
 - a. Complete name of patient
 - b. Age and sex
 - c. Past TB treatment regimen and treatment outcome
 - d. Current TB treatment regimen
 - e. Current treatment phase (Intensive or Continuation)
 - f. Actual start date of current treatment phase
 - g. Whether patient is transferred-in; and
 - h. Whether patient is decentralized (for patients in PMDT facilities only)
 - i. Latest daily attendance/ drug intake
2. Provide necessary updated patient records to field survey team
3. Provide appropriate space for the conduct of the interview
4. Assist the field survey team in contacting patients for interview through phone call, and home visit, if necessary


C. Field Survey Team:

1. Gather list of active TB patients from ITIS
2. Randomly select 10 patients and inform the DOTS/PMDT Facility of the scheduled visit by the team
3. Visit DOTS/PMDT facility according to schedule and undertake the following:
 - a. Review patient TB records
 - b. Conduct interview of selected patients

Field interview will commence on October and is expected to end by 2nd week of December 2016. Exact schedule per facility will be sent once finalized.

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For information and compliance.


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