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Department of Health
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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM
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FOR: SECRETARY OF HEALTH OF AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO AND ALL DOH REGIONAL DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: Utilization of 322/100,000 Tuberculosis (TB) Incidence Rate in the computation of the Case Detection Rate (CDR) in 2016


Based on the World Health Organization (WHO) 2016 Global TB report released in October 2016, the estimated TB Incidence Rate of the Philippines is 322 / 100,000 population.

The increase from 288 / 100,000 to 322 / 100,000 is based on the national data submitted by the National Tuberculosis Control Program (NTP) to WHO. This showed that TB cases are still progressively increasing over the years despite intensified efforts to detect and cure cases nationwide since the implementation of Direct Observed Treatment Short-Course (DOTS) in 2003. Ideally, with the implementation of DOTS for more than 10 years, the natural progression should indicate a decreasing trend rather an increasing trend. This increasing trend may indicate underestimation of the Incidence Rate. Hence, there is a need for adjustment to reflect a more accurate TB situation in the country.

In view thereof, all concerned offices are hereby directed to apply 322 cases per 100,000 population estimated incidence in the calculation of relevant NTP indicators and setting of appropriate targets for 2017 and beyond.

For compliance.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health



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