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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

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**FOR : DOH REGIONAL DIRECTORS OF CENTRAL LUZON (RO III)
AND CALABARZON (RO IV-A)**

SUBJECT : Pilot Implementation of GX Alert System

Relative to the on-going efforts to strengthen case finding activities for the National TB Control Program (NTP), the Innovations Multi-sectoral Partnership to Achieve Control of Tuberculosis (IMPACT) Project, in collaboration with Philippine Business for Social Progress – Global Fund (PBSP-GF) and National TB Reference Laboratory (NTRL), will be providing technical assistance in the implementation of GeneXpert (GX) Alert System in Regions III and IV-A. The GX Alert System is an electronic application tool designed to support TB programs by providing automatic real-time reporting of test results to the referring facility and quick notification of the availability of results to patients through short message service (SMS), thus reducing the turn-around time of diagnosing patients. The NTP coordinators and Program Manager can also conduct remote monitoring with this system.

In order to ensure effective implementation of the GX Alert System in the pilot sites, the electronic results shall be considered official and shall be utilized as the basis for the diagnosis of patients. Usual policies and procedures on recording and reporting of Xpert shall still apply.

For compliance.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health:

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