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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

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TO: SECRETARY OF HEALTH OF AUTONOMOUS REGION FOR MUSLIM MINDANAO (ARMM) AND ALL DOH REGIONAL OFFICES (RO) DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: Clarification on the Definition and Enhancing the Recording of "Sources of Cases" for the National TB Program Recording for Form 4. TB Treatment/IPT Card and Form 6. TB Register

Recording and reporting are important in the implementation of a successful TB control program. Through efficient recording, health workers can monitor that each presumptive TB is examined and, if applicable, treated and cured. Records, therefore, should contain accurate, complete, and up-to-date information on patient's diagnosis, treatment, follow-up examinations, and treatment outcome.

As stipulated in the NTP Manual of Procedures (MOP) 5th edition Chapter 5, "Recording and reporting policies shall include all cases of TB, classified according to internationally accepted case definitions. Quarterly reports should reflect the sex, age, registration group and source of cases reported from various units in the province/city/ municipality."

In view hereof, this Department Memorandum is issued for the purpose of clarifying the sources of cases as reflected in the MOP 5th edition and that will be recorded in Form 4. TB Treatment/IPT Card and Form 6. TB Register.

Source of Patient	Definition	Sub-types
Public Health Center	a health facility which provides basic clinical, preventive, promotive, curative, and rehabilitative services for the municipality/city. (R.A. No. 1082)	
Other Public Facility	include government hospitals, government workplaces, public schools, jails and prisons, government-operated	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Public Hospital● Public Laboratory● Government Workplace● Public School

	residential homes and other government facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jail • Prison • Government-Operated Residential Home • Foreign/International Government • Other Government Facility
Private	include all private health care facilities (hospitals/clinics), NGO clinics and private physicians/practitioners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private Hospital • PPMO • Private Clinic/Physician • Private Pharmacy • International Private Hospital/Clinic • Other Private Facility
Community	referred by community-based organizations, Community Health Teams and TB Task Forces.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BHW • Task Force • CBO • AIDERS • Other Community Organizations

A patient who walked-in to a facility with no referral letter shall be classified according to the type of facility s/he walked in to. A patient who has been referred to several facilities shall be classified according to the facility from which the very first referral came from and not from the most recent.

Corresponding to utilization of the Integrated TB Information System (ITIS) for recording and reporting, these sources of patient shall also be reflected in the Case Management Module of ITIS. The source of patient and its sub-type shall be required in each TB Case. A free text field shall also be made available should the registering facility want to encode specific name of referring facility/individual.

For compliance.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health:



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