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Department of Health  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

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**DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

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**FOR: ALL DIRECTORS OF BUREAUS AND REGIONAL OFFICES, DOH-ARMM SECRETARY OF HEALTH; CHIEFS OF MEDICAL CENTERS, HOSPITALS AND SANITARIA; AND OTHERS CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT: Implementation of the Approved Medicines in the 8<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Philippine National Formulary**

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Please be informed that on 24 November and 12 December 2017, the Secretary of Health approved the inclusion of the following medicines in the 8<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Philippine National Formulary (PNF):


1. Sacubitril/valsartan 50 mg, 100 mg, and 200 mg tablet
2. Oxycodone hydrochloride/Naloxone hydrochloride 5 mg/2.5 mg tablet
3. Azithromycin 200 mg/5 mL powder for suspension, 60 mL
4. Imiquimod 5% cream
5. Linezolid 600 mg tablet/film-coated tablet and 2 mg/mL (600 mg/300 mL), solution for infusion (IV)

The lists of approved medicines can be seen online at [www.pharmadiv.doh.gov.ph](http://www.pharmadiv.doh.gov.ph) and are also attached to this document for your reference and perusal. Kindly disseminate to all concerned officials in your areas of responsibility so they can be appropriately guided in their procurement activities. All are enjoined to ensure rational procurement, distribution and use of medicines in all government and private hospitals.

The remaining medicines, for which applications have been received for inclusion in the 8<sup>th</sup> Edition, are currently being reviewed and evaluated.

Your full cooperation in this endeavor is expected and highly appreciated.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health:

  
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