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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: Philippine National Formulary 8<sup>th</sup> Edition Essential Medicines List 2017**

Please be informed that the Philippine National Formulary (PNF) 8<sup>th</sup> Edition Essential Medicines List (EML) is now accessible from the website of the Pharmaceutical Division, [www.pharmadiv.doh.gov.ph](http://www.pharmadiv.doh.gov.ph) and through this link: <http://pharmadiv.doh.gov.ph/pnf-essential-medicines-list-2017>. This is a downloadable booklet containing the updated summary list of the medicines (generic name, dosage form and strength) approved in the PNF. While the PNF Full Manual will contain drug monographs with comprehensive medicines information intended to aid the health professionals in making clinical decisions, the EML shall serve as a quick guide and easy reference in the selection and procurement of medicines. In the meantime that the PNF Full Manual is awaiting publication, the EML shall be particularly useful for the bids and awards committees (BAC) of the different health facilities (including RHUs and hospitals) in determining whether the medicines they intend to procure are essential or not. The PNF EML booklet is already being printed and this shall be distributed to the health facilities at the soonest possible time.

Kindly disseminate to all concerned officials in your areas of responsibility so they can be appropriately guided. Your full cooperation in the dissemination of this information is highly expected and deeply appreciated.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health:

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