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Department of Health
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DEPARTMENT ORDER

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SUBJECT: Fund Utilization Guidelines for DOH-retained Hospitals in National Capital Region (NCR) receiving Sub-Allotment Fund for the National Tuberculosis Control Program

I. Rationale:

The National Tuberculosis Control Program (NTP) continues to envision a TB-free Philippines, through adoption and application of the Sustainable Developmental Goals (SDGs), the Global End TB Strategy, the Philippine Health Agenda of Duterte Administration and the 2017-2022 Philippine Strategic Tuberculosis (TB) Elimination Plan (PhilSTEP 1); and the implementation of RA 10767 entitled "*Comprehensive TB Elimination Plan Act.*" Due to this, the Program undergoes a major transition as it shifts from TB control to TB elimination thus, the provision of technical and financial support to the DOH-retained hospitals in NCR has been deemed essential for ensuring and enhancing delivery of quality TB services.

II. General Guidelines:

1. The Disease Prevention and Control Bureau through the Infectious Disease Office, shall allocate sub-allotment funds to the following DOH-retained hospitals in the National Capital Region:

Name	Amount
Research Institute for Tropical Medicine	Php 800,000
East Avenue Medical Center	Php 1,200,000
National Center for Mental Health	Php 1,000,000
Rizal Medical Center	Php 800,000
Amang Rodriguez Medical Center	Php 1,200,000
Jose Reyes Memorial Medical Center	Php 800,000
San Lazaro Hospital	Php 1,200,000
Tondo Medical Center	Php 800,000
Valenzuela Medical Center	Php 800,000
San Lorenzo Ruiz Women's Hospital	Php 600,000
Las Pinas General Hospital and Satellite Trauma Center	Php 800,000
Dr. Jose N. Rodriguez Memorial Hospital	Php 1,200,000
Philippine Orthopedic Center	Php 800,000
Quirino Memorial Medical Center	Php 800,000
National Children's Hospital	Php 1,200,000
Grand Total	Php 14,000,000

2. The sub-allotted funds shall be utilized to augment the budget of the hospital for the provision of free TB services for both drug susceptible and resistant TB cases and those with TB HIV co-infection.
3. The TB point person shall be responsible for the planning and execution of planned activities in coordination with their respective finance officers.
4. The fund utilization/disbursement shall be subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations;

5. The chief of hospital and the TB point person or TB core team shall be responsible for the submission of the status of the funds (utilization report) to the Finance Service of the Department of Health, copy-furnished the DPCB-IDO not later than November 30, 2017.

III. Specific Guidelines:

1. The sub-allotment fund shall be used for the following:
- a. Provision of free diagnostic services such as X-rays for presumptive TB, Direct Sputum Smear Microscopy, Xpert MTB Rif test to include transport of specimens if needed and baseline laboratory and diagnostic tests (blood chemistry, ECG etc.)
 - b. Enabler support to TB patients (drug susceptible, and drug resistant).
 - c. Procurement of laboratory and office supplies.
 - d. Provision of support for capacity building activities such as but not limited to:
 - i. Orientation on RA 10767
 - ii. MOP Orientation to new hospital staff
 - iii. Infection Control
 - iv. Integrated Tuberculosis Information System (ITIS)
 - v. TB-HIV Collaboration
 - vi. Strengthening of TB Laboratories
 - e. Conduct of contact investigation/contact tracing and follow-up of patients.
 - f. Conduct of Advocacy and Networking activities which include:
 - i. World TB Day Celebration
 - ii. National Lung Month
 - g. Support to TB and TB-related researches initiated by the hospital.
 - h. Conduct of TB and TB-related health education sessions/classes to TB patients and family members.
 - i. Production of IEC materials.
 - j. Hiring of Contractual/Job Order to support NTP activities for drug-susceptible, drug-resistant and those with TBHIV co-infection.
 - k. Provision of communication allowances to the Hospital TB Team as support to TB transmittals and communications.
2. The sub-allotment fund shall not be used for the following:
- a. Attendance to program-sponsored TB conventions such as PhilCAT convention as this is covered by the NTP-CO.
 - b. Capital Outlays.
 - c. Lakbay-Aral or Educational Field Visit

IV. EFFECTIVITY

This Order shall take effect immediately.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health

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