



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

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**FOR: CHIEFS OF MEDICAL CENTERS, HOSPITALS AND
SANITARIA; AND OTHERS CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT: Removal of the Philippine National Formulary (PNF) certification
as part of the bidding requirements for medicines procurement**

In relation to the documentary requirements involved in the bidding of medicines in government health facilities, it was raised to our attention that some hospitals require the suppliers to provide a certification that their product is listed in the Philippine National Formulary (PNF). Relative thereto, kindly note that the PNF only includes the generic names of the pharmaceutical products and not the brand name, hence requiring the pharmaceutical companies to obtain a **certification from the Pharmaceutical Division (PD) is no longer deemed necessary** since the printed and electronic copies of the manual, as well as the corresponding issuances for the newly approved medicines (2012- onwards) are readily available on the website of the (PD), www.ncpam.doh.gov.ph.

Please be reminded that the procuring entity should be responsible in checking whether the medicines to be procured are listed in the PNF or not, as clearly stipulated in Executive Order No. 49 (Directing the Mandatory Use of the Philippine National Drug Formulary (PNDF) Volume I as the Basis for Procurement of Drug Products by the Government).

Your full cooperation in this endeavour is highly appreciated.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Nestor F. Santiago, Jr.", written over a circular stamp or mark.

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