



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Health  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

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**PAULYN JEAN B. ROSELL-UBIAL, MD, MPH, CESO II**

Secretary

Department of Health

Dear **Secretary Ubial**:

The Formulary Executive Council (FEC) respectfully recommends the **DISAPPROVAL** of the inclusion of the following medicines in the Philippine National Formulary (PNF) due the reasons specified below:

**1. Amino acid + carbohydrate + multivitamins + electrolytes parenteral nutrition product; and,**

**2. Amino acid + glucose + electrolytes + vitamin B1**

- Reason for disapproval: The costs of the combination products are significantly higher than the sum cost of the separate preparations of the currently listed amino acid and combined amino acids (e.g., amino acid solutions for hepatic failure and amino acid solutions for renal conditions, among others) and 5% dextrose in water IV fluid. Likewise, it was discussed that the combination products may be prone to misuse.

Please be informed that the above list was posted for 30 days on the website of the Pharmaceutical Division to accommodate any comment or appeal from the stakeholders.

For your disposition, Ma'am.

Thank you and best regards.

Very truly yours,

For the Formulary Executive Council

*Froilan A. Bagabaldo*  
**ATTY. FROILAN BAGABALDO**

Chair

Formulary Executive Council

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Recommending disapproval:

*ETA*  
**ENRIQUE A. TAXAG, MD, PPSAE, FPSMID, CESO III**  
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*Official* disapproval of the above medicines:

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Secretary of Health *05/15/17*