



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

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TO: ALL UNDERSECRETARIES, ASSISTANT SECRETARIES, DIRECTORS OF BUREAUS, CENTERS FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT, SERVICES AND SPECIALTY HOSPITALS, CHIEFS OF MEDICAL CENTERS AND HOSPITALS, ATTACHED AGENCIES AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT: Calling for Policy Proposals for inclusion in the Updated Health Policy Agenda 2014-2016

The Health Policy Development and Planning Bureau (HPDPB), is in the process of updating the Health Executive Policy Agenda (HPA) for the period of 2011-2016. Based on review and analysis, majority of HPA 2011-2016 have already been developed while others are ongoing finalization. To date, seventy six per cent (76% or 32/42) of policy agenda set for the period 2011-2016 were developed since 2011. Eighty two per cent (82% or 9/11) of agenda for achieving Financing Risk Protection (FRP), eighty six per cent (86% or 6/7) for Health Facility Enhancement Program (HFEP), seventy five per cent (75% or 12/16) for Millennium Development Goals (MDG) Max and sixty three per cent (63% or 5/8) for Support policies have already been formulated and are now being implemented. Thirty-nine (39) DOH executive policies in various areas which are not in the HPA 2011-2016 were also developed while a total of fifteen (15) other policies in the agenda are ongoing finalization and review as of September 2013.

HPDPB will be formulating the HPA 2014-2016 to strengthen the implementation of the KP/UHC. In this regard, all offices/programs are requested to formulate initial policy proposals for inclusion in the policy agenda list. You may consider the following criteria in formulating your policy agenda:

- i. Support to higher policy and legislative agenda (e.g. Republic Acts, Executive Orders, international commitments of the government) needing action or adoption of the health sector;
- ii. Results from monitoring and assessment of internal and external developments and threats, including inputs from national and international health networks;
- iii. Policy researches and other studies that have been validated by the DOH units;
- iv. Results of evaluation of an existing policy (e.g. PIR, policy notes);
- v. Current public health issues/concerns affecting your program;
- vi. Pronouncements from President of the Philippines, the Secretary of Health, the DOH Executive Committee and the National Staff Meeting;
- vii. Inputs from external parties such as development partners, interest groups, private sector and civil society;


This initiative is in compliance with Department Order No. 2009-0292 *Implementing Guidelines for the Development of Executive Policies in the DOH*, "the HPDPB shall solicit policy proposals at the beginning of the medium-term (period of 3 years) for inclusion in the policy agenda. HPDPB further, shall integrate and filter policy ideas and proposals from

different sources to develop the DOH integrated policy agenda which will be presented to the DOH Executive Committee for its final comments and approval”.

The attached policy matrix must be submitted to HPDPB on or before **November 8, 2013**. Electronic copies of the form (in word format) will be made available in the DOH website.

For questions or clarifications, please contact Engr. Laurita R. Mendoza or Ms. Salvacion H. Tolentino of the Health Policy Division at (02) 651-7800 ext. 1329.

For compliance.



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