

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. PCG - 12 SERIES OF 2022

## AN ORDER CREATING THE PHARMACY AND THERAPEUTICS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

**WHEREAS**, the 1987 Constitution mandates the right of every Filipino to health. It enunciates the policy that "the State shall protect and promote the health of the people and instill health consciousness among them";

**WHEREAS**, it provides the adoption by the State of an "integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services accessible to all the people at affordable cost";

WHEREAS, several policies and laws have been passed that includes Republic Act (RA) No. 6675 known as the Generics Act of 1988 that was enacted to ensure the adequate supply of drugs with generic names of the lowest possible cost;

WHEREAS, Administrative Order No. 51 s. 1988, entitled, Implementing Guidelines for Department of Health Compliance with RA No. 6675 prescribed the organization of Therapeutics Committees at the Regional Health Offices, Provincial Health Offices, District Health Offices, City Health Offices, special hospitals, national medical centers, regional medical centers, regional hospitals and sanitaria;

WHEREAS, Administrative Order No. 163 s. 2002, entitled, Implementing Guidelines and Procedures in the Procurement and Requisitions of Drugs and Medicines by the Department of Health pursuant to Executive Order No. 49, was issued that provides procedural basis that ensure requisition of essential medicines by the government sector and the decision system for the inclusion and deletion of drugs in the Philippine National Formulary (PNF);

WHEREAS, Chapter V. Sec. 19 of the Republic Act No. 11223, known as the Universal Health Care Act, provides that the DOH, Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), PhilHealth and the LGUs shall endeavor to integrate health systems into city-wide health systems. The City Health Boards (CHBs) shall oversee and coordinate the integration of health services for province-wide and city-wide health systems, to be composed of municipal and component city health systems, and city-wide health systems in highly urbanized and independent component cities, respectively;

WHEREAS, local government units (LGUs) are mandated to enforce all laws and policies enacted and issued by competent government agencies that will protect and promote the health of the people and instill health consciousness among them and in promoting the general welfare of the populace;

WHEREAS, it is the duty of every LGU to assist concerned national government agencies in enforcing policies that will regulate the sale and distribution of quality medicines within its territorial jurisdiction to ensure that medical goods and services available in the market are compliant with national standards;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, VICTOR MA. REGIS N. SOTTO, Mayor of the City of Pasig, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law do hereby order the Creation of Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee of the City Health Department.

**SECTION 1. COMPOSITION. –** The Pharmacy and Therapeutic Committee of the City Health Department shall be composed of the following:

Ex-officio non-voting members:

DR. JOSEPH R. PANALIGAN, MHA
City Health Officer

ROWENA C. SANTOS, RM, RN, MAN Chief Nurse

MYLA A. ESPINO, RMT Chief Medical Technologist

MYRNA E. ENRIQUEZ, RM Chief Midwife

Voting members:

**DR. RISSA PECHO**Infectious Disease Specialist

DR. MARITESS CHUA Pediatric Specialist

DR. TANYA VICTORIA VERORA
Obstetrics and Gynecology Specialist

MS. ROWELA PICADIZO
Pharmacist

DR. SOCRATES MANUEL Family Medicine Specialist

DR. EMMA RUTH CUEVAS Public Health Specialist

DR. MYLENE CALINGO
Mental Health Program Manager

**SECTION 2. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS. –** The Pharmacy and Therapeutic Committee of the City Health Department shall perform the following duties and functions:

- Act as an advisory and recommending committee to the Local Health Board on all issues, policies and guidelines concerning the selection, distribution, and use of medicines.
- 2. Develop and adopt medicine policies and protocols concerning the following:
  - i Criteria for inclusion of medicines on the essential medicines list (EML) shall be based on the Primary Care Formulary and the needs of the community;
  - Standard treatment guidelines (STGs) and treatment algorithms, which shall be the basis of formulary selection of medicines;
  - iii Expensive or dangerous medicines, such as third-generation antibiotics or oncological drugs, which are restricted to certain practitioners, departments or patients; and
  - iv Recommendations to the CHB for adopting national implementing guidelines on pharmaceutical management and price monitoring.
- Evaluate and select essential medicines for procurement based on the needs of the community and the primary care formulary. It shall ensure that prices are within the price range set by current drug pricing policies.
- 4. Assess medicines use through drug utilization review.
- Collate and assess reports on pharmacovigilance from the municipalities/cities.
- Disseminate information about its activities, decisions and recommendations to the responsible person who must implement them.
- Adhere to pertinent guidelines issued by the DOH (e.g., pharmaceutical supply chain management, rational use of medicines, Good Pharmacy Practice, treatment guidelines).
- 8. Perform other functions related to proper medicines use and management.
- **SECTION 3. MEETINGS.** The Committee shall meet at least twice every year or as often as necessary. The voting members shall elect among themselves a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. Voting members shall receive honoraria amounting to Three Thousand Pesos (P3,000.00) per meeting subject to the availability of funds and guidelines provided by the DBM and other pertinent accounting rules and regulations.
- **SECTION 4. REPEALING CLAUSE. –** All prior orders, issuances or guidelines inconsistent herewith are deemed amended, modified, or superseded.
- **SECTION 5. DISSEMINATION.** A copy of this Executive Order shall be furnished to the Office of the President and Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) for information and guidance pursuant to Section 455(1)(xii) of RA 7160, as amended.

**SECTION 6. EFFECTIVITY. -** This Order shall take effect immediately.

VICTOR MA. REGIS N. SOTTO

City Mayor

Officially Released

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