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Department of Health  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

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**DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR**  
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**FOR: ALL UNDERSECRETARIES AND ASSISTANT SECRETARIES; DIRECTORS OF BUREAUS AND SERVICES AND CENTERS FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT; MINISTER OF HEALTH – BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO; EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF SPECIALTY HOSPITAL, NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL, CHIEFS OF MEDICAL CENTERS, HOSPITALS, SANITARIA AND INSTITUTES; PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPIN HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION; DIRECTORS OF PHILIPPINE NATIONAL AIDS COUNCIL AND TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION CENTERS AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT: Reiteration of the Department Memorandum No. 2020-0144-B entitled “Further Amendment of the Updated List for the Price Freeze of Essential Emergency Medicines and Medical Devices due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (Covid-19) Health Event”**

The Department of Health (DOH) hereby reiterates the guidelines related to the stabilizing of prices during COVID-19 health event:

1. Department Circular No. 2020-0324 dated August 27, 2020 entitled “Compliance to Executive Order (EO) No. 104 – Improving Access to Healthcare Through the Regulation of Prices in the Retail of Drugs and Medicines”. All drug establishments and drug outlets must comply with the said EO, otherwise, sanctions and penalties shall be imposed for violations.
2. Department Memorandum No. 2020-0413 dated September 9, 2020, entitled “Updated Suggested Retail Price of Essential Emergency Medicines and Medical Devices due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Health Event”. All drug outlets shall be guided with the current SRP, otherwise violations on price manipulations under RA 7581 otherwise known as the Price Act shall be imposed accordingly.

This is to provide guidance to all partners and stakeholders to take necessary steps to address the ongoing global concern on the spread of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19).

Dissemination of the information to all concerned is hereby requested.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health:

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