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FOR : **DIRECTORS OF CENTERS FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT (CHD), DIVISION CHIEFS OF CHD-REGULATIONS, LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION (RLED) AND HEALTH FACILITIES AND SERVICES REGULATORY BUREAU; MINISTER OF HEALTH – BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (MOH-BARMM), REGULATORY OFFICERS, MEDICAL DIRECTORS AND OWNERS OF CLINICAL LABORATORIES AND OTHER CONCERNED**

SUBJECT : **Survey on the COVID-19 Testing Price Offered by Clinical Laboratories, Clinics, Facilities or Institutions Performing Antigen-based Test**

Department Memorandum (DM) No. 2020-0512, dated November 26, 2020, titled “Revised Omnibus Interim guidelines on Prevention, Detection, Isolation, Treatment and Reintegration Strategies for COVID-19,” rationalizes the use of different test modalities for different circumstances and situation like availability of test, timing on the use of test, turn-around-time of test results, and percent specificity and sensitivity of the tests. According to Section II.L.2 of the aforementioned DM, *“the use of the rapid antigen test (AgT) as a substitute for rRT-PCR shall be allowed for diagnostic testing of suspect case definition, and probable case definition, and probable cases (a) in the community or hospital setting when rRT-PCR capacity is insufficient, (b) in the hospital setting where the turnaround time is critical to guide patient cohort management, or (c) in the community during outbreaks for quicker case finding...”*

In view of the above, the Health Facilities and Services Regulatory Bureau (HFSRB) will conduct a survey to determine the current prices offered by the different clinical laboratories, clinics, facilities or institutions performing antigen-based test, as well as gather relevant information that may be used as reference in proposing the recommended price range for COVID-19 antigen test.

The survey can be accessed on line and responses are to be submitted via this link on or before February 5, 2021: <https://hfsrb.doh.gov.ph/covid19-antigen-survey/>

For further questions or details, please contact the Standards Development Division of HFSRB at 8743-8808 or 8651-7800 local 2525 or via email at hfsrb.sdd@gmail.com

For information and guidance.

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COVID-19 Antigen Testing Price Survey

* Required

1. I. Region: *

Mark only one oval.

- NCR
- Region 1
- Region 2
- Region 3
- Region 4-A
- Region 4-B
- Region 5
- Region 6
- Region 7
- Region 8
- Region 9
- Region 10
- Region 11
- Region 12
- CARAGA
- CAR
- BARMM

2. II. Name of Clinical Laboratory / Facility / Clinic / Institution: *

3. III. Address *

9. IX. Running Time of the Procedure/Test (Time for Specimen Collection and Releasing of Results are not Included) : *

If not on the list, please specify in (OTHER) option

Mark only one oval.

1 Hours

2 Hours

3 Hours

4 Hours

Other: _____

X. Service Fee per Patient:

Please indicate the fee being charged to patient according to turn-around time

10. a. Regular *

11. b. Stat

If Applicable

12. c. Other

If Applicable

XI. Costing:

Please Compute for one sample/Specimen

A. Direct Cost

13. 1. Testing Kit (Price): *

18. c. Admin *

19. Others: *

Please specify position and Salary per day(example. Encoder - 550.00)

2. Utilities:

Please compute expenses per day

20. a. Water *

21. b. Electricity *

22. c. Rent

(If Applicable)

23. d. Internet Connection

(If Applicable)
