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FOR : **ALL DIRECTORS OF BUREAUS AND CENTERS FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF HEALTH BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION FOR MUSLIM MINDANAO (MOHBARMM), CHIEFS OF MEDICAL CENTERS, HOSPITALS AND SANITARIA, PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION (PHIC), PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY (PSA) AND OTHERS CONCERNED**

SUBJECT : **WHO Update 4 on additional ICD-10 Categories for COVID-19**

The Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak has been declared a public health emergency of international concern by the World Health Organization (WHO).

The WHO issued Update 4 in relation to COVID-19. A set of additional ICD-10 categories has been agreed to be adopted to document or flag presentation for immunization to prevent COVID-19 and an adverse reaction to a COVID 19 vaccine. that occur in the context of COVID-19. Both, 3 character and 4 character codes have been defined to respond to the different levels of coding depth that is in place in different countries. WHO further noted that technological constraints may require to bridge national coding to the international codes until an update of the relevant IT systems allows to use the international codes directly. The additional ICD-10 categories for COVID-19 included in the WHO Update 4 are as follows:

U11 Need for immunization against COVID-19

U11.9 Need for immunization against COVID-19, unspecified

Note: This code should not be used for international comparison or for primary mortality coding. This optional code is intended to be used when a person who may or may not be sick encounters health services for the specific purpose of receiving a COVID-19 vaccine.

Prophylactic COVID-19 vaccination

Excludes: immunization not carried out (Z28.-)

U12 COVID-19 vaccines causing adverse effects in therapeutic use

U12.9 COVID-19 vaccines causing adverse effects in therapeutic use, unspecified

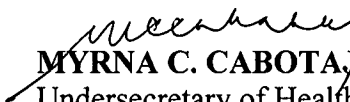
Note: This code is to be used as an external cause code (i.e. as a subcategory under Y59 Other and unspecified vaccines and biological substances). In addition to this, a code from another chapter of the classification should be used indicating the nature of the adverse effect.

Correct administration of COVID-19 vaccine in prophylactic therapeutic use as the cause of any adverse effect.

The codes are valid for use immediately.

For information and guidance of all concerned.

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