



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ORDER

No. 2021-3184

SUBJECT: Appointment of the New Member of the Health Technology Assessment Council Subcommittee on Preventive and Promotive Health

Republic Act No. 11223 Section 34 (c) mandates the creation of the Health Technology Assessment Council (HTAC) which will operationalize the HTA process through the following functions: (1) facilitate the provision of financing and/or coverage recommendations on health technologies to be financed by DOH and Philhealth; (2) oversee and coordinate the HTA process within DOH and PhilHealth; and (3) review and assess existing DOH and PhilHealth benefit packages. Within five (5) years after the establishment and effective operation of the HTAC, it shall transition into an independent entity separate from the DOH, attached to the Department of Science and Technology (DOST).

On 31 October 2021, one of the members of the HTAC Subcommittee on Preventive and Promotive Health (SC on PPH) left their post due to a possible conflict of interest following changes in work and professional affiliation. In light of the urgency to fill the position for HTAC to more efficiently work on recommendations for health technologies for government funding, a public Call for Nominations among all concerned stakeholders was done from 19 October 2021 to 05 November 2021. Only 16 out of 23 nominees concurred with the nomination, and duly evaluated by the HTAC Screening Committee (refer to *DPO No. 1605-B*) following the standardized selection criteria.

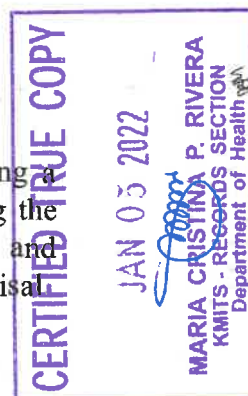
In view of the above, **PROF. ALETH THERESE L. DACANAY, PhD** is hereby appointed as a member of the HTAC Subcommittee on Preventive and Promotive Health.

Roles and responsibilities

While the HTA Subcommittees support the HTA Core Committee in achieving a timely, effective, efficient and responsive technology appraisal process by performing the initial review of HTA reports and submissions of the industry, evidence review groups and other actors which submit evidence to the HTA Council for purposes of technology appraisal.

Remuneration

The Subcommittees shall receive FIVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (Php 5,500.00) per meeting following the provisions of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) National Budget Circular No. 2007-510 dated 08 May 2007 with the subject, "Guidelines on the Grant of Honoraria to the Governing Boards of Collegial Bodies."




Technical Support

The HTAC may call upon technical resource persons from the Philhealth, Food and Drug Administration, patient groups and clinical medicine experts as regular resource persons, and representatives from the private sector and health care providers as by-invitation resource persons.

The HTA Office under the Health Regulation Team shall provide secretariat support to the HTAC and conduct internal assessments, as deemed necessary.

Under this Order, all expenses incurred in the conduct of the committee's function as well as their honorarium shall be charged against the funds of the Health Technology Assessment Unit, subject to the availability of funds and the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.


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