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Department of Health  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

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**DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR**

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**FOR: ALL CENTERS FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT, NATIONAL DRUG POLICY COMPLIANCE OFFICES, LEAGUES OF CITIES, PROVINCES AND MUNICIPALITIES, PROFESSIONAL HEALTH SOCIETIES, DIRECTORS OF BUREAUS AND REGIONAL OFFICES, BARMM MINISTER OF HEALTH, CHIEFS OF MEDICAL CENTERS AND SANITARIA, AND OTHER CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT: Opening of the 2022 Call for Topic Nominations**

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By virtue of Republic Act 11223, otherwise known as the Universal Health Care (UHC) Act, health technology assessment (HTA) shall be institutionalized as a fair and transparent priority-setting mechanism to provide financing and coverage recommendations on health technologies to be funded by the Department of Health (DOH) and the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth).

The Health Technology Assessment Council (HTAC) is formally announcing the **opening of the 2022 Call for Topic Nomination from 04 April to 13 May 2022**. This activity is open to all stakeholders including (1) DOH Offices and national health programs (NHPs); (2) PhilHealth; (3) hospital Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committees (PTC); (4) professional medical, paramedical, and scientific organizations; (5) industry; (6) local government units (LGUs); (7) civil society organizations (CSOs) or patient groups, (8) academic or research institutions; and (9) research laboratories (public or private).

The **reconfigured topic nomination forms** (as of 22 March 2022) for different health technologies as defined in Section IV of the Administrative Order No. 2020-0041 or "*The New Implementing Guidelines on Health Technology Assessment to Guide Funding Allocation and Coverage Decisions in support of Universal Health Care*" are accessible through <https://hta.doh.gov.ph/topic-nomination/>.

For guided decisions on priorities for government financing, DOH Offices, NHPs as well as DOH hospitals, and PhilHealth are mandated to submit topic nominations to the Health Technology Assessment Division (HTAD). The said nominations must be vetted and signed by the head of the Office (e.g., Director, Cluster Head, etc.) to indicate alignment on priorities in accordance with Department Memorandum No. 2021-0079 or "*Endorsement of Topic Submissions from National Health Programs for Health Technology Assessment*".

Please ensure complete submission of requirements to avoid resubmissions, as late and incomplete submissions will not be processed.

Should you have further questions or concerns, you may coordinate with HTAD through email at [hta@doh.gov.ph](mailto:hta@doh.gov.ph) or at telephone numbers (02) 875-7734 local 253 or 8937-5314. Thank you very much and best regards.

For your information and guidance.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health:



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