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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: Nomination to the Health Technology Assessment Council (HTAC) Social Anthropologist Core Committee Member

The Department of Health (DOH) created the Health Technology Assessment Council (HTAC) on 11 October 2019 to efficiently and effectively implement the Republic Act 11223 or the Universal Health Care Act. It is composed of a Core Committee composed of voting members, and seven (7) Subcommittees. Since its creation, the HTAC has accomplished its mandates as stipulated in Administrative Order 2021-0041 or the Implementing Guidelines on HTA which was signed by the Secretary of Health on 08 September 2020: (1) facilitate 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.

The HTAC has been informing government procurement decisions through its recommendations on COVID-19 technologies, urgent DOH National Program topics and other minor inclusion requests for drugs and vaccines already listed in the Philippine National Formulary. The HTAC has also been continually developing its stakeholder engagement processes and will be incorporating Philippine social values in its assessments. In line with this, the DOH is starting the call for nominations for one (1) position to the Social Anthropologist Core Committee Member with the following functions:

- Voting member responsible for the development and submission of final recommendations to policy and decision-makers, based on the evidence appraisal of the different subcommittees following the HTAC's decision framework
- Will follow all functions stipulated in Administrative Order 2020-0041 or *The New Implementing Guidelines on Health Technology Assessment to Guide Funding Allocation and Coverage Decisions in support of Universal Health Care*

Given the crucial role of the Council in evidence-based recommendations the HTAC member should be a person of moral and intellectual integrity, and a recognized specialist in their respective field of expertise.

Relative thereto, we are kindly requesting your good Office for nominees to the said position. The nominees will be evaluated according to their educational attainment, relevance of work experience

(e.g., at least 3 years of experience in evidence appraisal), relevance of training experience within the last ten (10) years, publications and conflicts of interest.

We hope to receive the names and contact details of your nominees on or before 01 June 2022, and we shall reach out to them on the requirements and how to proceed with the application.

Kindly submit the list of your nominees at hta@doh.gov.ph. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us through the same email address.

Thank you very much and best regards.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health:



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