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Department of Health  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

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**DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

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**FOR: ALL DIRECTORS OF BUREAUS AND REGIONAL OFFICES, BARM  
MINISTER OF HEALTH; CHIEFS OF MEDICAL CENTERS, HOSPITALS  
AND SANITARIA, AND OTHERS CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT: Updated Checklist of Requirements for the Health Technology Assessment of  
COVID-19 Health Technologies to be referred by the Disease Prevention and  
Control Bureau (DPCB) and National Vaccine Operations Center (NVOC)**

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).

In an effort to continually improve our processes, more efficiently respond to requests for expedited reviews, and align the HTA Division (HTAD) and other Offices with regard to reviews of health technologies for public health emergencies (COVID-19), the HTAD has updated its checklist of requirements which is being complied with by the DPCB since January 2021. This checklist will also help guide us in prioritizing assessments relative to our internal capacity and the evolving priorities of the DOH. You may access the updated checklist through this link: <https://bit.ly/UpdatedHTADChecklistforCOVID-19HTs>


In this regard, please be advised that the checklist applies to all COVID-19 health technologies that will be referred by DOH Offices to the HTAD, *provided that the said COVID-19 health technologies already have Emergency Use Authorizations (EUs) from the Philippine Food and Drug Administration*. For guidance on topics that DOH offices plan to nominate, please refer to Department Memorandum No. 2020-0364 or the "Interim Guidelines on Prioritization and Initial Evaluation of COVID-19 Related Products for Health Technology Assessment" issued by the DPCB on 25 August 2020 attached herewith.

We would like to kindly take this opportunity also to reiterate that the requirements in the checklist are needed prior to the assessment.

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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