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**PUBLICATION OF THE GUIDELINES ON THE APPLICATION OF PHILIPPINE  
SOCIAL VALUES ON HEALTH TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT (HTA)**

The Republic Act (RA) No. 11223 also known as the Universal Health Care (UHC) Law mandates that all health technologies being considered for coverage or funding allocation from the Department of Health (DOH) and PhilHealth shall be recommended by the Health Technology Assessment Council (HTAC). It emphasizes the principles of universality of access, fairness, equity and the empowerment of the general population in the decision-making for the allocation and distribution of health technologies (HTs) to ensure healthcare access to all.

In its assessments and recommendations, the HTAC considers the ethical, legal, social and health systems impact (ELSHI) of HTs to reflect beliefs and preferences of Filipinos on health care. The goal of HTAC is to make the HTA process more responsive to Philippine social values that will inform healthcare coverage or funding decisions that are fair and relevant to the Philippine context.

In this regard, the HTAC, supported by the DOH HTA Division (HTAD), developed the *Guidelines on the Application of Philippine Social Values on HTA*. After consolidation and consideration of the comments received from public consultation which ran from 21 September 2022 to 12 October 2022, HTA Philippines hereby presents the final version of the document for the reference of the general public and relevant stakeholders. *Kindly see the attached document below. Alternatively, you may access this link: [bit.ly/HTAPHSVG2022](https://bit.ly/HTAPHSVG2022)*

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