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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 SANITARIES AND OTHERS CONCERNED**

SUBJECT: **Health Technology Assessment Council's (HTAC) Issuance on the Acceptance and Processing of Health Technologies (Non-COVID) under Monitored-Release (MR) or Regular "Initial Registration" Certificate of Product Registration (CPR) with Available Phase IV Clinical Trial Date**

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 mandate of the Health Technology Assessment Council (HTAC) is to ascertain the highest level of safety profile of all health technologies. Moreover, the issuance of the CPR, whether under monitored-release or regular "initial registration," is already an assurance that the drug has gone through a thorough evaluation for safety, quality and efficacy. This has been stressed by the Food and Drug Administration on its letter sent to this Department, dated 23 June 2021.

Relative thereto, HTAC shall now process submissions for HTA of drugs and medicines (non-COVID-19) with a CPR, whether it is under monitored-release or regular "initial registration" from the FDA, alongside its available local or international Phase IV clinical trial data, as this is indicative that the drug or medicine has already gone through a thorough evaluation for safety, quality and efficacy by the Administration.

For your information and guidance.

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