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SUBJECT: Rescheduling of the Opening HTA Topic Nominations to March 2022

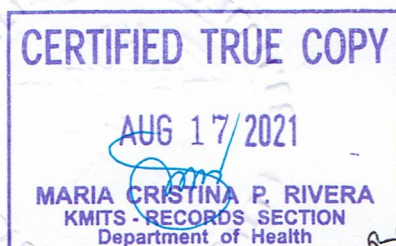
The Health Technology Assessment Council (HTAC) and its supporting unit, the HTAU, will be **rescheduling the opening of the September 2021 HTA topic nominations to March 2022** due to the following reasons:

1. There is a need to attend to the Universal Health Care (UHC) priorities of DOH and PhilHealth.
2. More COVID-19 topics as priorities are anticipated for 2022.
3. HTAC Philippines is undergoing a transition phase in agency affiliation from DOH to Department of Science and Technology (DOST), as stipulated in the UHC Law.


Those who are already working on their submissions for assessments are encouraged to proceed with the preparations. HTAC Philippines will be ready to respond to queries on the process and documentary requirements.

Should you have questions or concerns, you may contact us via email at hta@doh.gov.ph. For timely updates on our events and releases, visit our website, hta.doh.gov.ph. We continue to value interacting with you through the HTA process as we uphold a transparent and consultative approach.

For your information and guidance.



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