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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, HOSPITALS AND SANITARIA AND OTHERS CONCERNED


SUBJECT: Health Technology Assessment Council's (HTAC) Recommendations on health technologies requiring Full Certificate of Registration (CPR) from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

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 HTAC is to ascertain the full efficacy and safety profile of health technologies. Relative hereto, the HTAC shall only process submissions for HTA of drugs and vaccines (non-COVID-19) with a full Certificate of Registration (CPR) from the Philippine Food and Drug Administration (FDA), as this is indicative of the completion of Phase IV studies according to the aforementioned agency.

For your information and guidance.

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