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SUBJECT: Extension of Topic Nomination (Existing Health Technologies) for Health Technology Assessment until 10 November 2020

DATE: 21 September 2020

Pursuant to Republic Act No. 11223 otherwise known as the Universal Health Care Act, within two (2) years from the establishment of the Health Technology Assessment Council (HTAC), they are mandated to review existing health benefit packages which pertains to health technologies that are currently covered, financed and procured by DOH and PhilHealth. Relative thereto, before proceeding with the assessment of **existing health technologies**, DOH programs and PhilHealth were requested to submit the accomplished forms as well as other documentary requirements during the month of August 2020.

Upon reviewing the submissions received by the HTA Unit, it was noted that insufficient information was extracted from some of the most important sections of the nomination form (e.g., context of the health technology). With this, we wish to clarify that health technologies which may be nominated to undergo HTA are those that are currently covered by DOH or PhilHealth (may or may not be currently listed in the Philippine National Formulary) that are intended for possible expansion or disinvestment only.

The HTA Unit is amenable to setting meetings with national health programs for feedback on the nominated topics when necessary. In consideration of the aforementioned items, the **deadline of submission of topic nomination forms** is extended until **21 November 2020**.

For your information and guidance.