

[DOH ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2012-0023-A, December 26, 2013]

**AMENDMENT TO ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2012-0023,
ENTITLED: "REVISED IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES FOR THE
PHILIPPINE NATIONAL FORMULARY SYSTEM (PNFS)"**

The implementation of Administrative Order No. 2012-0023 or the Revised Implementing Guidelines for the Philippine National Formulary System (PNFS) require a robust system for health technology assessment, economic evaluations and price negotiations.

In view thereof, AO 2012-0023 is hereby amended as follows.

Section V. General Guidelines

- O. The Medicines Price Board (MPB) shall be created to undertake price negotiation with the party proposing for the inclusion of a medicine in the PNF using the most cost-effective price to the government as the basis thereof.

Section VI. Specific Guidelines

B. Evidence Review Groups

3. Accreditation

The DOH through the Undersecretary or Assistant Secretary responsible for the PNFS shall accredit academic institutions to undertake medicines evidence review based on the following criteria:

- a. with research capacity to conduct studies on clinical epidemiology, pharmacoeconomics, health economics, health technology assessment, evidence-based medicine (EBM) and other relevant fields;
- b. with identified evidence reviewers/experts for the abovementioned fields;
- c. can comply with the standards and methodologies including the timelines in conducting the review as prescribed by the DOH; and
- d. willingness to declare and manage conflicts of interests.

D. Specific Guidelines for the Formulary Selection Algorithm

10. Exemptions

- b. The application for exemption shall have the following as attached documents: