



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

No. 2018- 0060

FOR: ALL UNDERSECRETARIES, ASSISTANT SECRETARIES, BUREAU/OFFICE DIRECTORS, REGIONAL DIRECTORS, CHIEFS OF MEDICAL CENTERS AND HOSPITALS, RETAINED AND SPECIALTY HOSPITALS, HEADS OF ATTACHED AGENCIES AND OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT: Compliance with the Guidelines on the Disclosure and Management of Conflicts of Interest in relation to the use of pharmaceutical products and medical devices

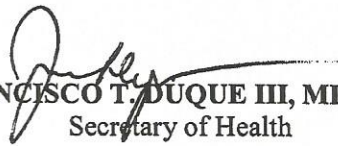
In line with the national government's thrust to promote transparency and good governance and Republic Act 3019 (Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act) to prevent corrupt practices by public and private officials and officers, all officials and employees of the DOH and its attached agencies and hospitals are hereby directed to **STRICTLY COMPLY** with the provisions of Department Order No. 2017-0332 otherwise known as the "*Guidelines on the Disclosure and Management of Conflict of Interest (COI) in relation to the use of pharmaceutical products and medical devices.*"

It is the duty of the Department of Health to uphold the integrity of its vital processes particularly with regard to crafting technical recommendations and decisions concerning the purchase, procurement, deployment and use of pharmaceutical products and medical devices to ensure that they work in the best interest of Filipino patients.

As such, the DOH-Integrity Management Committee and the Personnel Division are hereby ordered to ensure that DOH officials and employees including its attached agencies and DOH hospitals, consultants, members of advisory bodies/committees, technical secretariat, hired experts/resource speakers and all those covered by the above issuance complete and submit the COI form, maintain an updated database and ensure that everyone abides with the rules on the management of any potential COI.

It is important that DOH as an employing organization enforces these procedures and work in partnership with its professionals to prevent any conflict of interest between private practice and DOH work that may compromise their public duty to protect the safety and welfare of citizens. Likewise, the DOH Code of Ethics abides with the "**NO GIFT-GIVING POLICY**" and prohibits any remuneration (including any kickback or bribe) whether directly or indirectly, in cash or in kind, in return for deals, transactions or purchase of services or health products covered by DOH.

This memorandum is being issued as a reiteration of existing guidelines and for immediate and strict compliance.


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