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ARSP Accreditation by RITM Now Open for Applicants

With the issuance of PhilHealth Circular 16, series of 2007, the implementation of PhilHealth Circular 04, s-2007 is also lifted, thus, PhilHealth will reimburse the following drugs only when used in PhilHealth-accredited tertiary hospitals with DOH-Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance Program (ARSP) accreditation:

- 1. cefepime
- 2. gatifloxacin
- 3. meropenem
- 4. piperacillin + tazobactam
- 5. vancomycin

This shall take effect on all claims with admission dates starting July 1, 2008.

Hospitals interested to apply for ARSP accreditation are advised that the deadline for filing of applications is on October 15, 2007 and the dispatch for the external quality assurance program will be on November 21, 2007.

For more information on ARSP accreditation, interested parties may access <u>www.ritm.gov.ph.</u>

