

## NEW POLICY ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PHILIPPINE NATIONAL FORMULARY (PNF)

In accordance with RA 7875 as amended, PhilHealth shall soon be releasing a new policy on the implementation of the Philippine National Formulary (PNF).

The PNF is the list of essential drugs of the Philippines prepared by the Department of Health (DOH) through the PNF Executive Council consisting of experts appointed by DOH from various fields such as pharmacology, toxicology, clinical epidemiology, pharmacy, clinical medicine, public health, law and medicine, and health economics. The PNF includes medicines that satisfy the priority health care needs of the population and are selected based on the evidence of their efficacy, safety and comparative cost-effectiveness (DOH AO 2016-0034).

Health care providers are also reminded to ensure that PNF drugs are always available for their usual case-mix.

For more information on the PNF listed drugs (essential medicines list), application for inclusion or exemption and disapproved medicines, etc., please visit <https://pharmadiv.doh.gov.ph>.

For your information and guidance.



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