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PHILHEALTH CIRCULAR
No. 18, s-2006

TO : ALL ACCREDITED HOSPITALS, PHILHEALTH MEMBERS AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : Postponement of Implementation of PhilHealth Circular No. 15, s-2006

PhilHealth Circular No. 15, s-2006 which provides for the reimbursement of these drugs that are included in the latest edition of the Philippine National Drug Formulary (PNDF) namely, cefepime, gatifloxacin, meropenem, piperacillin + tazobactam and vancomycin when used only in PhilHealth accredited tertiary hospitals with DOH ARSP (Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance Program) accreditation is hereby amended to postpone the implementation from June 1, 2006 to January 1, 2007.

Claims for the aforesaid drugs with admission dates starting January 1, 2007 shall be reimbursed **only** when used in PhilHealth accredited tertiary hospitals with DOH-ARSP accreditation. This is in view of the requirement of the DOH-RITM (Research Institute for Tropical Medicine) for the accreditation of hospitals under its ARSP.

Hospitals who would like to apply for accreditation under the ARSP are advised to log in the RITM website (<http://www.ritm.gov.ph>) where the accreditation requirements for microbiology laboratories will be posted in July 2006.

All other provisions consistent herewith shall remain in full force and effect.

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Date Signed: July 5, 2006