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**TO: ACCREDITED INSTITUTIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT: PNDF 6<sup>TH</sup> EDITION REMAINS AS PRIMARY REFERENCE FOR DRUGS REIMBURSEMENT**

Section 37(c-1) of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the National Health Insurance Act of 1995, as amended, stipulates that "Drugs for which payments shall be made shall be those included in the Philippine National Drug Formulary, unless explicit exception is granted by the Corporation".

Currently, the Department of Health has started publishing the first eight (8) sections of the revised PNDF Volume I, 7<sup>th</sup> edition 2007 and 2008 in their website (<http://www.doh.gov.ph/pndf/formulary>). Considering, however, that the other sections have yet to be released, the reference to the said edition for benefit payments shall be deferred pending publication of the complete edition. Thus, the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the PNDF Volume I, 2005, shall remain as reference for PhilHealth reimbursement on drugs and medicines.

Please be guided accordingly.

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