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Hon. Ramon V. Guico III, DPM
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 0229, SERIES OF 2022

**CREATION OF THE PROVINCIAL PHARMACY AND THERAPEUTICS COMMITTEE (PTC)
IN THE PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN**

WHEREAS, the 1987 Philippine Constitution mandates the right of every Filipino to health. It enunciates the policy that "the state shall protect and promote the health of the people and instill health consciousness among them":

WHEREAS, it provides the adoption by the state of an "integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services accessible to all the people at affordable cost";

WHEREAS, several policies and laws have been passed that include Republic Act No. 6675 known as the Generics Act of 1988 that was enacted to ensure the adequate supply of drugs with generic names at the lowest possible cost;

WHEREAS, Administrative Order No. 51 s. 1988, entitled Implementing Guidelines for Department of Health (DOH) Compliance with RA 6675, prescribed the organization of Therapeutics Committees at the Regional Health Offices, Provincial Health Offices, District Health Offices, City Health Offices, special hospitals, national medical centers, regional medical centers, regional hospitals and sanitararia;

WHEREAS, Administrative Order No. 163 s. 2002, entitled Implementing Guidelines and Procedures in the Procurement and Requisitions of Drugs and Medicines by the DOH pursuant to Executive Order No. 49, was issued, that provides procedural basis that ensures requisition of essential medicines by the government sector and the decision system for the inclusion and deletion of drugs in the Philippine National Formulary (PNF);

WHEREAS, Chapter V. Sec. 19 of the Republic Act No. 11223, known as the Universal Health Care Act, provides that the DOH, Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), PhilHealth and the LGUs shall endeavor to integrate health systems into province-wide and city-wide health systems (P/CWHS). The Provincial and City Health Boards (P/CHBS) shall oversee and coordinate the integration of health services for PWHS, to be composed of municipal and component city health systems; and for CWHS, in highly urbanized and independent component cities, respectively;

WHEREAS, LGUs are mandated to enforce all laws and policies enacted and issued by competent government agencies that will protect and promote the health of the people and instill health consciousness among them and in promoting the general welfare of the populace;

WHEREAS, it is the duty of every LGU to assist concerned national government agencies in enforcing policies that will regulate the sale and distribution of quality medicines within its territorial jurisdiction ensure that medical, goods and services available in the market are compliant with national standards:

NOW THEREFORE, I, **RAMON V. GUICO III**, Provincial Governor of Pangasinan by virtue of the powers vested upon me by the Constitution and existing laws, do hereby order the creation of the Pharmacy

and Therapeutics Committee in the Province of Pangasinan that shall have jurisdiction over the municipalities and component city that committed into PWHS:

SECTION 1: COMPOSITION. The Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee shall be composed by the following:

A. Ex-officio Non-Voting Members:

- A.1. Provincial Health Officer
- A.2. Provincial DOH Office (PDOHO) Team Leader
- A.3. Representative, Association of City/Municipal Health Officers of the Philippines (AMCHOP), Pangasinan Chapter
- A.4. Program Managers from the PHO
- A.5. Pharmacist from the PHO

B. Voting Members (Technical Experts):

- B.1. Philippine Society of Microbiology and Infectious Diseases, President or Representative
- B.2. Philippine Pediatric Society, President or Representative
- B.3. Philippine Obstetrical & Gynecological Society, President or Representative
- B.4. Philippine Academy of Family Physicians, President or Representative
- B.5. Philippine Society of Psychiatry and Neurology, President or Representative
- B.6. Philippine Society of Public Health Physicians, President or Representative
- B.7. Philippine Pharmacy Association, President or Representative

The voting members mentioned above are the minimum technical experts required in the PTC and the PHO may include additional members as deemed necessary. The Technical Experts may be sourced from the hospitals (private or public), local professional societies, or the academe.

The Voting Members shall elect among themselves a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

SECTION 2: DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS: The Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee shall perform the following duties and functions:

- 1) Act as an advisory and recommending committee to the Provincial Health Board (PHB) on all issues, policies and guidelines concerning the selection, distribution and use of medicines.
- 2) Develop/Adopt medicines policies and protocols concerning the following
 - a) criteria for inclusion of medicines on the essential medicines list (EML) shall be based on the Primary Care Formulary and the needs of the community,
 - b) standard treatment guidelines (STGs) and treatment algorithms, which shall be the basis of formulary
 - c) selection of medicines; or dangerous expensive or medicines, such as third-generation antibiotics or oncological drugs, which are restricted to certain practitioners, departments or patients;
 - d) recommendations to the PHB for adopting national implementing guidelines on pharmaceutical management and price monitoring.
- 3) Evaluate and select essential medicines for procurement based on the needs of the community and the primary policies. care formulary. It shall ensure that prices are within the price range set by current drug pricing policies.
- 4) Assess medicines use through drug utilization review.
- 5) Collate and assess reports on pharmacovigilance from the component municipalities/city.
- 6) Disseminate information about its activities, decisions and recommendations to the responsible person/s who must implement them.
- 7) Adhere to pertinent guidelines issued by the DOH (e.g. pharmaceutical supply chain management, rational use of medicines, Good Pharmacy Practice, treatment guidelines).
- 8) Perform other functions related to proper medicines use and management.

SECTION 3: MEETINGS. The Committee shall meet at least twice every year or as often as necessary.

SECTION 4: SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provisions of this Executive Order shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Order.

SECTION 5: REPEALING CLAUSE. All prior issuances/inconsistent with this Order are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6: EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until revoked.

SO ORDERED.

Done this 12th day of December 2022 in the Province of Pangasinan, Philippines.



RAMON V. GUICO III