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OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR
City of Davao

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 22
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**AN ORDER CREATING THE PHARMACY AND THERAPEUTICS
COMMITTEE OF DAVAO CITY**

WHEREAS, one of the State Policies under the 1987 Philippine Constitution is that the State shall protect and promote the health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, the 1987 Philippine Constitution also provides that the State shall adopt 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, one of the goals of Republic Act No. 11223, otherwise known as the Universal Healthcare (UHC) Act, is to strengthen primary care service including the provision of safe and quality medicines at an affordable cost;

WHEREAS, Section 28(d) of the UHC Act mandates drug outlets to carry the generic equivalent of all drugs in the Primary Care Formulary;

WHEREAS, Department of Health (DOH) Administrative Order No. 51 s. 1988, entitled, Implementing Guidelines for Department of Health 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, DOH Administrative Order No. 163 s. 2002, entitled, Implementing Guidelines and Procedures in the Procurement and Requisitions of Drugs and Medicines by the Department of Health pursuant to Executive Order No. 49, provides the procedural basis that ensure 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 the Interior and Local Government (DILG), PhilHealth and the LGUs shall endeavor to integrate health systems into province-wide and city-wide health systems. The Provincial and City Health Boards (P/CHBs) shall oversee and coordinate the integration of health services for province-wide and city-wide health systems, to be composed of municipal and component city health systems, and city-wide health systems in highly urbanized and independent component cities, respectively;

WHEREAS, Department of Health Administrative Order No. 2021-040 entitled "Implementing Guidelines on the establishment of Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee (PTC) in Provincial and City Health Offices" was issued in anticipation of the full implementation of the Supreme Court's Mandanas ruling under G.R. No. 199802 (April

10, 2019) in 2022, increasing the Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) share of Local Government Units (LGUs) therefore capacitating the implementation of projects such as the establishment of PTC in city levels;

WHEREAS, Local Government Units (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 to ensure that medical goods and services available in the market are compliant with national standards;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SARA Z. DUTERTE, Mayor of the City of Davao, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. CREATION AND COMPOSITION. There is hereby created a Pharmacy and Therapeutic Committee (PTC) led by a Chairperson and Co-Chairperson, which shall be elected by the voting members to hold a position of three (3) years from the date of their appointment. The PTC shall have the following members:

Ex-officio Non-Voting Members:

- a.1 City Health Officer
- a.2 Public Health Nurse
- a.3 Midwife
- a.4 Medical Technologist

Voting Members (technical experts):

- b.1 Infectious disease expert
- b.2 CGD Pediatrician
- b.3 CGD Obstetrician-Gynecologist
- b.4 CGD Pharmacist
- b.5 CGD Family Medicine
- b.6 CGD Public Health Specialist
- b.7 CGD Psychiatrist

SECTION 2. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS. The PTC shall perform the following duties and functions:

- a. Act as an advisory and recommending committee to the Local Health Board in all issues, policies and guidelines concerning the selection, procurement, distribution and use of medicines.
- b. Develop/adopt medicines policies and protocols. At the least all LGUs shall have policies concerning the following:
 - i. 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;

- ii. standard treatment guidelines (STGs) and treatment algorithms, which shall be the basis of formulary selection of medicines;
 - iii. expensive or dangerous medicines, such as third-generation antibiotics or oncological drugs, which are restricted to certain practitioners, departments or patients; and
 - iv. recommendations to the Local Health Board for adopting national implementing guidelines on pharmaceutical management and price monitoring.
- c. Evaluate and select essential medicines for procurement based on the needs of the community and the primary care formulary. It shall ensure that prices are within the price range set by current drug pricing policies;
 - d. Assess medicines use through drug utilization review;
 - e. Collate and assess reports in Pharmacovigilance from health districts;
 - f. Disseminate information about its activities, decisions and recommendations to the responsible person who must implement them;
 - g. Adhere to pertinent guidelines issued by the DOH (e.g., pharmaceutical supply chain management, rational use of medicines, Good Pharmacy Practice, treatment guidelines); and
 - h. 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. SECRETARIAT. The City Health Office shall form a secretariat with at least two (2) members which shall perform the following functions:

- a. Organize the PTC meetings;
- b. Document the meetings, directives, and recommendations of the PTC;
- c. Compile and make available to the Committee past and existing decisions, policies, recommendations, directives and resolutions;
- d. Liaise with other stakeholders on data/ information needed by the PTC; and
- e. Perform other functions deemed necessary by the PTC.

SECTION 5. FUNDING/OPERATING COSTS. All costs pertaining to the operation of the PTC shall be charged to available funds of the City Government subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

SECTION 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of this Executive Order is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. REPEALING CLAUSE. All orders or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

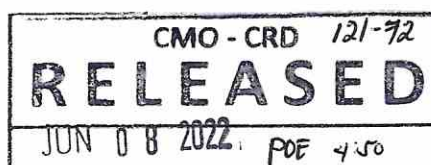
Done in the City of Davao, Philippines, this JUN 08 2022

SARA Z. DUTERTE
City Mayor

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SEBASTIAN Z. DUTERTE
Acting City Mayor

Attested by:

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ATTY. ZULEIKA T. LOPEZ
City Administrator



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