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TO : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY/MUNICIPAL  
MAYORS, PUNONG BARANGAYS, DILG REGIONAL  
DIRECTORS AND OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : DRUG PRICE REFERENCE INDEX (DPRI)

The Department of Health is implementing the Drug Price Reference Index (DPRI), a national drug pricing strategy to improve the efficiency of drugs and medicine procurement. In view hereof, the Department of Health (DOH) issued Administrative Order No. 2015-0051 with the subject "Guidelines in the Implementation of the Philippine Drug Price Reference Index (DPRI) to All Public Hospitals and Health Facilities" which mandates all government health facilities and agencies including the Local Government Units (LGUs) to use DPRI as their ceiling price for their drug procurement.

Relative to this, the fourth edition of the DPRI (2016 DPRI) is now available online at [www.dpri.doh.gov.ph](http://www.dpri.doh.gov.ph) and [www.ncpam.doh.gov.ph](http://www.ncpam.doh.gov.ph). This latest edition shall be the reference of the abovementioned facilities for their 2017 drugs and medicines procurement.

All Local Government Units may opt to source their medicine procurement from Philippine Pharma Procurement Inc. (PPPI) (formerly PITC Pharma Inc.) LGUs can procure medicines at the same price as or at a lower price than the DPRI. You may contact Ms. Joy Riel at telephone nos. (02) 840-1123 / (02) 840-2680 or thru email address: [joy.riel@pitcpharma.com.ph](mailto:joy.riel@pitcpharma.com.ph) or visit their website at [www.pitcpharma.com.ph](http://www.pitcpharma.com.ph).

For other related inquiries, you may contact DOH thru Mr. Jeffrey Castro or Ms. Priscilla Almario at (02) 651-7800 local 2554-2557 or through [dohdpr@gmail.com](mailto:dohdpr@gmail.com).

All DILG Regional Directors are hereby directed to cause the widest dissemination of this Circular and extend necessary assistance thereof.

For information and guidance of all concerned.

By the Authority of the Secretary:

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