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Department of Health
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
No. 2015 - 049A

SUBJECT: Amendment to Administrative Order No. 2015- 0049 entitled “Rules and Regulations Governing the Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance Program Accreditation of Bacteriology Laboratories in the Philippines for the PhilHealth Reimbursement of Select Antibiotics in the Philippine National Drug Formulary”

Section II, Scope and Coverage of Administrative Order (A0) No. 2015 — 0049 entitled “Rules and Regulations Governing the Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance Program Accreditation of Bacteriology Laboratories in the Philippines for the PhilHealth Reimbursement of Select Antibiotics in the Philippines National Drug Formulary” states applicability of rules to 'tertiary hospitals with bacteriology laboratories'. The term used is problematic as it is not defined in Administrative Order 2012 — 0012 entitled “Rules and Regulations Governing the New Classification of Hospitals and Other Health Facilities in the Philippines”, and the inconsistency with the said order confuses hospitals applying for accreditation, as non-tertiary hospitals may also provide bacteriology laboratory services provided that the hospital has a tertiary clinical laboratory. The A0 No. 2015-0049 is thus amended to change the terminologies in the corresponding sections below from “tertiary hospitals with bacteriology laboratories” to “tertiary clinical laboratories” as defined in A0 2007 — 0027 entitled “Revised Rules and Regulations Governing the Licensure and Regulation of Clinical Laboratories in the Philippines”.



Section IV, Definition of Terms of A0 2015-0049 will also be amended to include the term:

E. Tertiary clinical laboratory- A clinical laboratory, regardless of its classification by ownership, function, and institutional character, which provides minimum service capabilities for the following: routine and special hematology including coagulation procedures, qualitative and quantitative platelet determination, routine urinalysis and fecalysis, routine clinical and special

chemistry, cross matching*, KOH*, blood typing*, immunology, and microbiology—culture and sensitivity. (*for hospital based only)

All other provision of the Administrative Order No. 2015-0049 shall remain in effect and provision/issuances inconsistent or contrary to this Order are hereby rescinded or modified accordingly.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

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