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**TO: ALL UNDERSECRETARIES AND ASSISTANT SECRETARIES;
DIRECTORS OF BUREAUS AND SERVICES AND CENTERS
FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT; MINISTER OF HEALTH –
BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM
MINDANAO; FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION AND ALL
OTHERS CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT: Compliance to the Labelling Requirements for Medicines under the
Maximum Retail Price**

The Department of Health requires compliance to the labelling of medicines under the Maximum Retail Price (MRP) through Executive Order No. 104, *“Improving Access to Healthcare through the Regulation of Prices in the Retail of Drugs and Medicines.”*

Further, Administrative Order No. 2016-0008, *“Revised Rules and Regulations Governing the Generic Labelling Requirements of Drug Products for Human Use”* provided special labelling instructions for drugs under MRP:

Drugs under Maximum Drug Retail Price. On the label of the minimum pack and outer immediate container of the drug and outer presentation, the following statement shall be required to appear in red background or red font:

**UNDER DRUG PRICE REGULATION
RETAIL PRICE NOT TO EXCEED (price)**

or

**UNDER DRUG PRICE REGULATION
RETAIL PRICE NOT TO EXCEED (price)**

The labelling requirement shall be complied by 02 June 2021.

The Center for Health Development (CHDs) shall ensure dissemination of information to all those involved in the manufacture, trade, distribution, importation and offer for sale of drugs and medicines.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health

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