



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Health  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

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**DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

No. 2017- 0370-A

**FOR: DOH-ARMM SECRETARY OF HEALTH, ALL DIRECTORS AND NEWBORN SCREENING COORDINATORS OF DOH REGIONAL OFFICES AND DOH-ARMM, HEADS OF NEWBORN SCREENING CENTERS AND NEWBORN SCREENING REFERENCE CENTER**

**SUBJECT: Amendment to the Department Memorandum No. 2017-0370 dated August 11, 2017 entitled "Payment on the Cost of Newborn Screening Unsatisfactory Samples"**

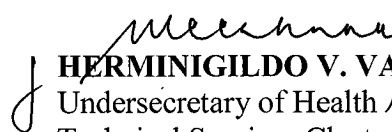
In order to provide a detailed and more specific guidelines on the process of payment on the cost of Newborn Screening (NBS) unsatisfactory samples and as agreed upon during a consultative meeting with the Newborn Screening Coordinators last November 20, 2017, the Department Memorandum No. 2017-0370 dated August 11, 2017 entitled "Payment on the Cost of Newborn Screening Unsatisfactory Samples" is hereby amended as follows:

1. The payment on the cost of unsatisfactory samples of DOH-Regional Offices (ROs) and DOH-ARMM to Newborn Screening Centers (NSCs) shall commence on FY 2019, with an amount indicated in the Statement of Account (SOA).
2. The SOA for the cost of unsatisfactory samples shall be sent out by the NSCs to respective DOH-ROs or DOH-ARMM annually instead of quarterly.
3. The DOH-ROs and DOH-ARMM shall ensure allotment of funds for the cost of unsatisfactory samples in their Internal Operating Budget (IOB) starting FY 2019.
4. The DOH-ROs and DOH-ARMM have the option to request the Newborn Screening Reference Center (NSRC) to pay the cost of unsatisfactory samples to their respective NSCs from their available balance with the SOA as attachment. Subsequently, the NSRC shall process payment to the NSCs.

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All other provisions stipulated in Department ~~Memo~~ No. 2017-0370 not affected by this amendment shall remain in full force and in effect.

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