



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

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**DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

No. 2020 – 0501

**FOR: ALL UNDERSECRETARIES AND ASSISTANT SECRETARIES;  
DIRECTORS OF BUREAUS AND SERVICES AND CENTERS  
FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT; MINISTER OF HEALTH –  
BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM  
MINDANAO; EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF SPECIALTY  
HOSPITAL, NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL, CHIEFS OF  
MEDICAL CENTERS, HOSPITALS, SANITARIA AND  
INSTITUTES; PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPIN HEALTH  
INSURANCE CORPORATION; DIRECTORS OF PHILIPPINE  
NATIONAL AIDS COUNCIL AND TREATMENT AND  
REHABILITATION CENTERS AND ALL OTHERS  
CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT: PRICE FREEZE OF EMERGENCY ESSENTIAL MEDICINES  
AND MEDICAL DEVICES FOR TYPHOON ULYSSES VICTIMS**

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Proclamation No. 1051 dated 18 November 2020 as signed by the President of the Philippines Rodrigo Roa Duterte declared a State of Calamity in the entire Luzon Island Group that will effectively control the prices of basic goods and commodities for the affected areas. All department and other concerned agencies are directed to implement and execute rescue, relief and rehabilitation work in accordance with pertinent operational plans and directives.

As stated in Section 6 of Republic Act no. 7581, "An Act Providing Protection to Consumers by Stabilizing the Prices of Basic Necessities and Prime Commodities and by Prescribing Measures Against Under Price Increase During Emergency Situations and Like Occasions", it is the policy of the State to ensure the availability of basic necessities and prime commodities at all time.

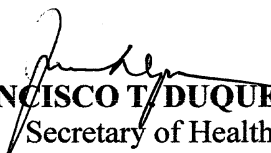
The Department of Health (DOH) is mandated to monitor and regulate drug prices as well as ensure that consumers are adequately protected against profiteering, hoarding, cartels and the like that compromise their access to essential pharmaceutical products.

Essential medicines have been identified as a basic necessity especially in time of natural calamities and man-made disasters that put the health and lives of Filipino at risk because of unfavorable conditions that cause or aggravate disease which may lead to epidemics and massive death.

Typhoon Ulysses has recently struck many provinces and cities in the country and has been affected the country leading to deaths, injuries and displacements of many more families vulnerable to hunger and malnutrition as well as other diseases with potential to cause more deaths.

In line with this, the DOH hereby orders a price freeze on Emergency Medicines and Medical Devices (Annex I) in all areas affected by the Typhoon Ulysses.

For immediate compliance.

  
**FRANCISCO T. DUQUE III MD, MSc**  
Secretary of Health

## ANNEX 1: LIST OF MEDICINES AND MEDICAL DEVICES FOR PRICE FREEZE

Name of Product		Lowest Price (Php)*	Highest Price (Php)*
<b>Anesthetics</b>			
1	Ketamine 50 mg/mL Solution 10 mL Vial	100.00	5,544.00
2	Lidocaine 2% Solution 20 mL Vial	35.00	250.00
<b>Analgesics</b>			
3	Ibuprofen 400 mg Tablet	0.83	50.90
4	Morphine 10 mg/mL Solution 1 mL Ampule	65.00	443.00
5	Paracetamol 250 mg/5 mL Suspension 60 mL Bottle	14.00	264.00
6	Paracetamol 250 mg/5 mL Syrup 60 mL Bottle	12.00	335.00
7	Paracetamol 500 mg Tablet	0.35	19.00
<b>Antiasthma</b>			
8	Fluticasone + Salmeterol 125 mcg + 25 mcg x 120 Doses Metered Dose Inhaler Inhaler	155.00	808.61
9	Fluticasone + Salmeterol 50 mcg + 25 mcg x 120 Doses Metered Dose Inhaler Inhaler	187.00	631.35
10	Salbutamol (As Sulfate) 100 mcg/Dose x 200 Doses Metered Dose Inhaler	67.85	885.02
11	Salbutamol 1 mg/mL Respiratory Solution 2.5 mL Nebule	5.40	105.30
<b>Anticoagulants, Antiplatelets &amp; Fibrinolytics</b>			
12	Aspirin 80 mg Tablet	0.39	22.00
13	Cilostazol 100 mg Tablet	14.25	216.00
14	Enoxaparin (As Sodium Salt) 100 mg/mL Solution 0.6 mL Pre-Filled Syringe	250.00	1,955.52
15	Heparin (As Sodium) 1000 IU/mL Solution 5 mL Vial	54.30	744.00
16	Streptokinase 1,500,000 IU Powder Vial	3,480.00	12,950.00
17	Warfarin 5 mg Tablet	11.00	57.40
<b>Anticonvulsant</b>			
18	Diazepam 5 mg/mL Solution 2 mL Ampule	65.00	650.00
19	Phenobarbital 60 mg Tablet	2.73	23.00
<b>Antidiabetic Agent</b>			
20	Gliclazide 80 mg Tablet	2.00	30.80
21	Metformin 500 mg Tablet	0.56	38.90
<b>Antidiarrheals</b>			
22	Loperamide 2 mg Capsule	0.45	46.25
<b>Antidotes</b>			
23	Atropine 1 mg/mL Solution 1 mL Ampule	7.00	260.00
24	Calcium Gluconate 10% Solution 10 mL Ampule	16.00	500.00
25	Naloxone 400 mcg/mL Solution 1 mL Ampule	271.99	1,820.00

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<b>Antiemetics</b>			
26	Metoclopramide (As Hydrochloride) 10 mg Tablet	1.20	27.60
<b>Antihistamines</b>			
27	Cetirizine 10 mg Tablet	0.40	346.50
28	Diphenhydramine 25 mg Capsule	1.00	62.48
<b>Antihypertensives &amp; Anti-Anginal Agents</b>			
29	Amlodipine 10 mg Tablet	0.40	38.50
30	Atenolol 100 mg Tablet	1.90	45.00
31	Atenolol 50 mg Tablet	1.25	44.40
32	Captopril 50 mg Tablet	1.90	38.72
33	Carvedilol 25 mg Tablet	3.80	48.00
34	Clonidine (As Hydrochloride) 150 mcg Tablet	5.31	106.74
35	Clonidine (As Hydrochloride) 150 mcg/mL Solution 1 mL Ampule	12.00	464.00
36	Diltiazem 60 mg Tablet	3.88	88.91
37	Felodipine 5 mg Tablet	3.50	61.87
38	Hydralazine 20 mg/mL Solution 1 mL Ampule	17.12	877.50
39	Isosorbide Dinitrate 5 mg Tablet	2.00	90.00
40	Isosorbide-5-Mononitrate 60 mg Tablet Modified Release	5.50	114.00
41	Losartan 50 mg Tablet	0.78	70.50
42	Methyldopa 250 mg Tablet	3.00	62.00
43	Metoprolol (As Tartrate) 100 mg Tablet	1.50	48.00
44	Metoprolol (As Tartrate) 50 mg Tablet	0.65	39.18
45	Nicardipine 1 mg/mL Solution 10 mL Ampule	185.00	2,524.00
46	Nifedipine 10 mg Capsule	2.80	27.72
47	Nimodipine 30 mg Tablet	39.79	44.70
48	Propranolol 40 mg Tablet	0.89	56.30
<b>Antimicrobials</b>			
49	Aciclovir 200 mg Tablet	2.62	238.31
50	Aciclovir 200 mg/5 mL Suspension 60 mL Bottle	400.00	934.99
51	Albendazole 400 mg Chewable Tablet	1.00	30.00
52	Amikacin (As Sulfate) Powder 100 mg Vial	26.00	498.00
53	Amoxicillin (As Trihydrate) 250 mg Capsule	0.77	35.00
54	Amoxicillin (As Trihydrate) 250 mg/5 mL Suspension 60 mL Bottle	14.75	337.00
55	Amoxicillin (As Trihydrate) 500 mg Capsule	0.50	100.00
56	Ampicillin 1 g Vial	11.99	632.62
57	Azithromycin 200 mg/5 mL Powder For Suspension 15 mL Bottle	95.00	427.50
58	Azithromycin 250 mg Capsule	108.00	108.50
59	Azithromycin 250 mg Tablet	25.00	108.50
60	Azithromycin 500 mg Tablet	5.00	151.43

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61	Cefalexin 500 mg Capsule	2.15	117.03
62	Cefazolin (As Sodium Salt) 500 mg Vial	39.00	631.40
63	Cefepime (As Hydrochloride) 500 mg Vial	87.00	1,617.67
64	Cefixime 100 mg/5 mL Suspension 60 mL Bottle	42.00	2,240.84
65	Cefixime 200 mg Capsule	6.50	365.00
66	Cefotaxime 250 mg + 2 mL Diluent Solution Vial	130.00	1,106.30
67	Cefoxitin 1 g Vial	72.00	2,203.00
68	Ceftriaxone (As Disodium/Sodium Salt) 1 g + 10 mL Diluent Solution Vial	17.91	2,609.60
69	Cefuroxime (As Axetil) 500 mg Tablet	3.67	201.60
70	Chloramphenicol 500 mg Capsule	1.00	25.00
71	Ciprofloxacin 500 mg Tablet	1.00	110.28
72	Clarithromycin 500 mg Tablet	6.00	388.23
73	Clindamycin 300 mg Capsule	3.00	219.25
74	Clindamycin 75 mg/5 mL Suspension 60 mL Bottle	375.00	1,010.66
75	Cloxacillin 500 mg Capsule	2.00	47.25
76	Co-Amoxiclav (Amoxicillin + Potassium Clavulanate) (As Trihydrate) 500 mg + 125 mg Tablet	5.99	116.00
77	Cotrimoxazole (Sulfamethoxazole + Trimethoprim) 200 mg + 40 mg/5 mL Suspension 70 mL Bottle	19.75	130.25
78	Cotrimoxazole (Sulfamethoxazole + Trimethoprim) 400 mg + 80 mg/5 mL Suspension 60 mL Bottle	16.50	454.34
79	Cotrimoxazole (Sulfamethoxazole + Trimethoprim) 800 mg + 160 mg Tablet	1.49	66.92
80	Doxycycline (As Hyclate) 100 mg Capsule	0.79	198.00
81	Ertapenem (As Sodium) 1 g Powder Vial	2,488.20	6,703.20
82	Erythromycin (As Stearate) 500 mg Tablet	3.60	47.87
83	Itraconazole 100 mg Capsule	27.50	238.00
84	Levofloxacin 500 mg Tablet	4.00	390.00
85	Meropenem 500 mg Powder Vial	115.16	3,385.77
86	Metronidazole 500 mg Tablet	0.94	84.50
87	Mupirocin 2% Ointment 15 g Tube	90.00	896.00
88	Nitrofurantoin 100 mg Capsule	2.29	159.00
89	Ofloxacin 200 mg Tablet	2.49	188.60
90	Oseltamivir 75 mg Capsule	74.75	200.33
91	Oxacillin (As Sodium Salt) 500 mg Vial	17.33	705.60
92	Penicillin G Benzathine (Benzathine Benzylpenicillin) 1,200,000 Units Vial	10.00	524.97
93	Penicillin G Crystalline 1 MU Vial	5.34	140.01
94	Penicillin G Crystalline 5 MU Vial	15.00	164.00
95	Phenoxymethyl Penicillin (Penicillin V) 500 mg Capsule	12.00	31.50

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96	Phenoxymethyl Penicillin (Penicillin V) 500 mg Tablet	15.90	20.00
97	Piperacillin + Tazobactam (As Sodium) 2 g + 250 mg Solution Vial	89.00	1,554.76
98	Rifampicin 450 mg Capsule	4.50	19.00
99	Rifampicin 450 mg Tablet	7.00	19.00
100	Tetracycline 500 mg Capsule	1.50	15.00
101	Vancomycin (As Hydrochloride) 500 mg Vial	130.00	3,339.84
<b>Antiparkinsonian Drug</b>			
102	Biperiden 2 mg Tablet	4.42	37.50
<b>Antipsychotics</b>			
103	Chlorpromazine 100 mg Tablet	1.20	22.50
104	Haloperidol 5 mg Tablet	4.00	56.90
105	Haloperidol 5 mg/mL 1 mL Ampule	300.00	1,920.00
<b>Antiseptics &amp; Disinfectants</b>			
106	Hydrogen Peroxide 3% Solution 120 mL Bottle	11.60	70.00
107	Povidone Iodine 10% Solution 15 mL Bottle	12.00	86.75
<b>Cardiac Drugs</b>			
108	Amiodarone 200 mg Tablet	8.00	288.77
109	Amiodarone 50 mg/mL Solution 3 mL Ampule	113.00	1,170.25
110	Digoxin 250 mcg Tablet	1.80	38.00
111	Digoxin 250 mcg/mL Solution 2 mL Ampule	65.00	1,000.00
112	Dobutamine 50 mg/mL Solution 5 mL Ampule	86.50	1,724.16
113	Dopamine 40 mg/mL Solution 5 mL Vial	48.75	400.00
114	Epinephrine 1 mg/mL Solution 1 mL Ampule	20.06	400.00
115	Norepinephrine (As Bitartrate) 1 mg/mL Solution 2 mL Ampule	65.00	1,750.00
<b>Corticosteroids</b>			
116	Betamethasone 0.10% Cream 5 g Tube	52.18	472.40
117	Clobetasol 0.05% Cream 15 g Tube	75.00	500.00
118	Hydrocortisone 1% Cream 5 g Tube	97.50	375.00
119	Hydrocortisone 100 mg Powder Vial	17.45	1,043.64
<b>Diuretics</b>			
120	Furosemide 10 mg/mL Solution 2 mL Ampule	5.98	332.00
121	Furosemide 40 mg Tablet	0.60	49.01
122	Hydrochlorothiazide 25 mg Tablet	3.18	20.00
123	Spironolactone 50 mg Tablet	13.00	73.26
<b>Drugs Acting on the Uterus</b>			
124	Oxytocin 10 IU/mL Solution 1 mL Ampule	5.72	618.00

\*Range of prices from generic to branded medicines



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<b>Dyslipidemic Agents</b>			
125	Simvastatin 20 mg Tablet	0.99	58.80
<b>Insulin Preparation</b>			
126	Biphasic Isophane Human Insulin 70/30 (Recombinant DNA) 100 IU/mL Solution 10 mL Vial	103.00	2,620.80
127	Isophane Insulin Human 100 IU/mL Solution 3 mL Pre-Filled Syringe	674.00	889.08
128	Regular Insulin (Recombinant DNA, Human) 100 IU/mL Solution 10 mL Vial	95.00	2,803.58
<b>Medicines for Electrolyte, Acid-Base and Caloric Disturbances</b>			
129	10% Dextrose In Water Solution 1 L Bottle	36.60	336.14
130	5% Dextrose In 0.3% Sodium Chloride Solution 1 L Bottle	30.00	460.00
131	5% Dextrose In 0.9% Sodium Chloride Solution 1 L Bottle	32.50	374.93
132	5% Dextrose In Lactated Ringer's Solution 1 L Bottle	28.00	392.12
133	5% Dextrose In Water Solution 1 L Bottle	37.00	414.59
134	Balanced Multiple Maintenance Solution With 5% Dextrose Solution 500 mL Bottle	31.00	336.00
135	Glucose (Dextrose) 50% Solution 50 mL Vial	25.00	225.00
136	Lactated Ringer's Solution 1 L Solution Bottle	31.00	384.20
137	Lactated Ringer's Solution 500 mL Solution Bottle	30.00	318.78
138	Magnesium Sulfate 500 mg/mL Solution 10 mL Ampule	159.55	
139	Oral Rehydration Salts (ORS 75-Replacement) Powder 20.5 g Sachet	3.75	30.00
140	Potassium Chloride 2 mEq/mL Solution 5 mL Ampule	35.71	115.00
141	Sodium Bicarbonate 650 mg Tablet	0.40	12.73
142	Sodium Chloride 2.5 mEq/mL Solution 50 mL Vial	50.00	150.00
143	Sterile Water for Injection Solution 50 mL Bottle	17.34	197.25
<b>Topical Antifungals &amp; Antiparasites</b>			
144	Permethrin 1% Shampoo 60 mL Bottle	198.90	318.50
<b>Vitamins &amp; Minerals</b>			
145	Ascorbic Acid (Vitamin C) 500 mg Tablet	0.72	18.63
146	Ferrous Salt + Folic Acid 60 mg + 400 mcg Tablet	0.38	36.00
147	Folic Acid 5 mg Tablet	1.75	33.35
148	Retinol (Vitamin A) 200,000 IU Soft Gel Capsule	1.00	13.00
149	Vitamin B1 B6 B12 100 mg + 5 mg + 50 mcg Tablet	1.00	58.75
150	Zinc 55 mg/5 mL (Equiv. To 20 mg Elemental Zinc) Syrup 60 mL Bottle	28.00	210.00

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<b>Investigational Drugs for COVID-19 Management</b>			
151	Dexamethasone (As Sodium Phosphate) 4 mg/mL Solution 1 mL Ampule	15.00	456.00
152	Dexamethasone (As Sodium Phosphate) 4 mg/mL Solution 1 mL Vial	30.00	275.00
153	Dexamethasone (As Sodium Phosphate) 4 mg/mL Solution 2 mL Ampule	9.00	550.70
154	Dexamethasone (As Sodium Phosphate) 4 mg/mL Solution 2 mL Vial	11.30	525.14
155	Dexamethasone (As Sodium Phosphate) 5 mg/mL Solution 1 mL Ampule	28.00	352.48
156	Dexamethasone 2 mg/mL, 2 mL Solution For Injection Ampule	10.00	318.74
157	Favipiravir 200 mg Tablet	239.61	498.75
158	Immunoglobulin Normal, Human (IGIV) 50 mg/mL Solution 10 mL Vial	2,360.00	3,174.60
159	Immunoglobulin Normal, Human (IGIV) 50 mg/mL Solution 100 mL Vial	12,545.00	19,500.00
160	Immunoglobulin Normal, Human (IGIV) 50 mg/mL Solution 50 mL Vial	4,280.00	12,977.50
161	Remdesivir 100 mg Vial	7,000.00	15,000.00
162	Tocilizumab 200 mg/10 mL 10 mL Vial	14,560.00	14,566.97
163	Tocilizumab 400 mg/20 mL 20 mL Vial	25,741.82	28,830.84
164	Tocilizumab 80 mg/4 mL 4 mL Vial	8,723.00	11,102.00



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Name of Product		Lowest Price (Php)*	Highest Price (Php)*
<b>Medical Devices</b>			
1	Face Shield	26.00 - 50.00	
2	N95 / KN95, medical use, sterile or unsterile (per piece)	110.00 - 200.00	
3	N95 / KN95 general or industrial use, non-sterile (per piece)	50 - 100.00	
4	Disposable Face Mask , 3 ply , Sterile Medical Use, ear loop or tie on (pc)	25.00	
5	Disposable Face Mask , 3 ply , non-sterile, medical or general use, ear loop or tie on (pack of 50s)	200.00	350.00
6	Nebulizer	3,980.00	
7	Neb Kit: Adult	120.00	
8	Neb Kit: Pedia	120.00	
9	Oxygen Cannula: Adult	60.00	
10	Oxygen Cannula: Pedia	53.00	
11	Oxygen Cannula: Neonatal	50.00	
12	Ethyl Alcohol 70% Solution 60mL	25.50	
13	Ethyl Alcohol 70% Solution 250mL	47.25	
14	Ethyl Alcohol 70% Solution 500mL (Fliptop bottle)	92.00	
15	Ethyl Alcohol 70% Solution 500mL (Pump)	107.00	
16	Ethyl Alcohol 70% Solution 1L (Fliptop bottle)	184.00	
17	Ethyl Alcohol 70% Solution 1L (Pump)	190.00	
18	Ethyl Alcohol 70% Solution 2L	368.00	
19	Ethyl Alcohol 70% Solution 3L	552.00	
20	Ethyl Alcohol 70% Solution 1 Gallon	650.00	
21	Isoprophyl Alcohol 70% Solution 75mL	22.25	
22	Isoprophyl Alcohol 70% Solution 150mL	36.50	
23	Isoprophyl Alcohol 70% Solution 250mL	50.20	
24	Isoprophyl Alcohol 70% Solution 330mL	82.50	
25	Isoprophyl Alcohol 70% Solution 500mL (Fliptop bottle)	99.75	
26	Isoprophyl Alcohol 70% Solution 500mL (Pump)	111.50	
27	Isoprophyl Alcohol 70% Solution 1L (Fliptop bottle)	137.50	
28	Isoprophyl Alcohol 70% Solution 1L (Pump)	193.80	
29	Isoprophyl Alcohol 70% Solution 2L	275.00	
30	Isoprophyl Alcohol 70% Solution 3L	412.50	
31	Isoprophyl Alcohol 70% Solution 1 Gallon	607.00	
32	Surgical Gloves, Sterile, Vinyl, Nitrile or Latex Material, 1 pair per pack	30.00 - 60.00	
33	Examination/ Medical Gloves, Non-Sterile, Vinyl, Nitrile or Latex Material per pack of 100s (Size 6.5, 7, 7.5, 8)	650.00 - 1,000.00	
34	Cover All Gown (Hazmat)	1,200.00	

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Name of Product		Lowest Price (Php)*	Highest Price (Php)*
35	Shoe Cover, pack of 100s	250.00 - 384.00	
36	Safety Goggles	350.00	
37	Surgical cap (disposable, 100 pcs/pack)	600.00	
38	Surgical Gown, Sterile Disposable	350.00 - 600.00	
39	Surgical Gown, Non -sterile	250.00	
40	Oxygen tanks, 5 lbs	3,400.00	
41	Oxygen tanks, 15 lbs	5,000.00	
42	Pulse oximeters, pedia	2,500.00	
43	Pulse oximeters, adult	3,000.00	
44	Infrared Non-Contact Thermometer (for the head)	4,500.00	
** Common face shield for general community use. These are not medical grade face shields registered by the PHL FDA			
** Face Shield (Non-medical grade face shield for community use) Specifications: Clear plastic or acetate material, provides good visibility, fog resistant, MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE ADJUSTABLE BAND AS LONG AS IT IS ATTACHED FIRMLY AROUND THE HEAD, fit snugly against the forehead, full face coverage completely cover the sides and length of the face), made of robust material that can be easily cleaned and disinfected, disposable or re-usable			
** 10% Distribution Cost from the Price Freeze may be applied in the Visayas and Mindanao areas			
** Alcohol can be computed per volume (i.e for 5 Gallons Ethyl– Php 650 per gallon x 5 = Php 3,250.00)			
** Please be reminded to check or verify if the products are approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) (as per FDA Advisory No. 2020-451-A)			