

**Department of Health  
Department of Budget and Management  
Department of Science and Technology – Philippine Council for Research and  
Development**

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JOINT CIRCULAR NO. 2024-0001

**FOR :** Officials of the Department of Health, the Department of Budget and Management, the Department of Science and Technology, and All Other Concerned

**SUBJECT :** Guidelines on the Implementation of the Special Provision (SP) No. 19.D on the Direct Release of Research and Research-Related Funds to DOST-PCHRD under FY 2023 Budget of the Department of Health

**I. PURPOSE**

To prescribe the guidelines relative to the implementation of Special Provision (SP) No. 19.D of the DOH-Office of the Secretary (DOH-OSEC) under the FY 2023 General Appropriations Act (GAA) on the amount appropriated under the DOH-OSEC Health Sector Research Development for Department of Science and Technology – Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (DOST-PCHRD), to wit:

*"19. Direct Release of Research and Research-Related Funds to Other National Government Agencies, Government-Owned and-Controlled Corporations and Higher Education Institutes. The amounts appropriated herein for research and research-related activities or projects shall be directly released to the following National Government Agencies (NGAs), Government-Owned and-Controlled Corporations (GOCCs) and Higher Education Institutes (HEIs):*

*(d) Ten Million Pesos (P10,000,000) under Health Sector Research Development shall be directly released to the DOST-PCHRD for the implementation of UHC-related priority research projects such as studies on access to medicines, feasibility of a public-private or mixed managed health care facility, and local health system integrations, subject to the guidelines issued by the DBM and DOH. Furthermore, it would also provide support on other health policy and systems research initiatives such as on capacity building and social health innovations as mandated in Section 31 of R.A. No. 11223;"*

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## II. COVERAGE

This Joint Circular shall apply to all concerned offices of the Department of Health (DOH) - Health Policy Development and Planning Bureau, Department of Budget and Management (DBM) - Budget and Management Bureau-B and Bureau-F, and DOST-PCHRD in the implementation of SP No. 19.D of the DOH Budget under the FY 2023 GAA.

## III. GENERAL GUIDELINES

- A. The amount of Php 10,000,000.00, inclusive of 12% indirect cost, shall be used to engage research partners and facilitate the completion of the following research projects (See **Annex A** for the details of these projects), and support other health policy and system research initiatives such as capacity building and social health innovations as mandated in Section 31 of R.A. No. 11223 and as identified and endorsed by the DOH:
1. Php 2,300,000.00 for the Assessment of the Implementation of the Cheaper Medicines Act;
  2. Php 2,300,000.00 for the Feasibility of a Public-Private or Mixed Managed Health Care Facility;
  3. Php 3,300,000.00 for the Best Practices, Challenges, and Ways Forward: Delivery of Local Health Services in the Early Implementation of the Supreme Court Ruling on the Mandanas-Garcia Cases; and,
  4. Php 2,100,000 may be used for the following:
    - a) Identified research priorities from Center for Health Development (CHD), specifically on Implementation Research and Operational Research; and
    - b) Capacity Building on Research Ethics, Health Policy and Systems Research, and Network Development.
- B. The funds, once transferred to PCHRD, shall be considered Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE) and shall be valid until 31 December 2024.

## IV. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. The **DOH-Health Policy Development and Planning Bureau (HPDPB)** through the **Health Research Division** shall execute the following:
1. Coordinate closely with PCHRD on the implementation and progress of the research projects and activities;
  2. Develop systems to ensure utilization of research results/products;



3. Monitor the submission of all deliverables and ensure the timely release of grants to proponents; and,
4. Provide the necessary technical assistance on matters relevant to research management within the Department of Health.

**B. The DOST-Philippine Council for Health Research and Development shall:**

1. Facilitate call for proposals (as needed), technical evaluation, ethics review, and monitoring of research grants;
2. Engage research institutions through a grants agreement;
3. Allocate and release the research project funds in a timely manner and in conformance with DOST Administrative Order No. 11 s 2020 dated 02 September 2020, "Revised Guidelines for the Grants-in-Aid Program of the Department of Science and Technology and its Agencies";
4. Provide the necessary technical assistance relevant to the achievement of the project objectives;
5. Assign a project manager to monitor all research projects;
6. Engage sufficient research management staff to facilitate the timely completion of deliverables;
7. Assume direct responsibility for managing funds, accounting records, and supporting documents. Ensure that these documents are properly maintained and regularly updated, and financial reports are prepared in accordance with the COA-DBM Joint Circular No. 2019-1. Ensure that financial operations are transparent and financial procedures/regulations are properly applied; and
8. Provide regular updates as well as fund utilization report on all ongoing research projects and/or research related activities to DOH, every end of the quarter.

**C. The Department of Budget and Management shall:**

Directly release Php 10,000,000 to DOST-PCHRD pursuant to SP No. 19.D of the DOH Budget under the FY 2023 GAA in accordance with the existing government budgeting, accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

**V. REPORTING**

The DOST-PCHRD shall submit quarterly reports on the status of the research projects funded herein and the utilization of funds to DOH (See **Annex B** for the technical and formatting requirements). DOH shall also submit these reports to DBM, Speaker of the House of Representatives, President of the Senate of the Philippines, House Committee on Appropriations, and Senate Committee on Finance. The head of the said agencies and their web administrator or equivalent shall be responsible for ensuring that said quarterly reports are likewise posted on their website.





**VI. GOVERNING CLAUSE**

- A. All releases, transfer of funds, payments, reimbursements and preparations of books of accounts made pursuant to this Circular shall be subject to pertinent laws, rules, and government budgeting, accounting and auditing procedures.
- B. Issues arising from the implementation of this Joint Circular shall be resolved through consultation and a written agreement jointly signed by DOH, DOST-PCHRD, and DBM.


**VII. EFFECTIVITY**

This Joint Circular shall take effect immediately upon its publication in a newspaper of general circulation or in the Official Gazette.

  
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