

Republic of the Philippines Department of Health OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER** No. 2010-0032 - <u>A</u>\_\_\_\_

> SUBJECT: <u>Amendment to Administrative Order No. 2010-0032 dated</u> October 9, 2010 entitled "Guidelines and Mechanisms to Implement the Provisions of Republic Act No. 9994. otherwise known as 'The Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010' on the Sale of Medicines and the Sharing of the 20% Senior Citizens' Discount'''

In observance of the community quarantine throughout the National Capital Region and the advisory to the local government units to implement their own community quarantine subject to the guidelines issued by the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease through Joint Resolutions Nos. 11 and 12 and the Office of the President Memorandum dated 13 March 2020, the following provisions are hereby added:

Under V.IV(a) is hereby revised to be read as follows:

"As a general rule, any single dispensing must be in accordance with the prescription issued by a physician and should not cover more than one (1) month supply of medicines for the Senior Citizens.

In cases of emergency, community quarantine, or public health emergency, the one-month rule should be relaxed to a maximum of three (3) months, except (a) antibiotics which must be dispensed according to its full treatment course and (b) controlled drugs requiring S2 license in which case the maximum duration of dispensing shall remain up to one (1) month only."

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All other provisions of Administrative Order No. 2010-0032 shall remain in effect and provisions/issuances inconsistent or contrary to this Order are hereby rescinded or modified accordingly.

This order shall take effect immediately.

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