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COVID-19: Philippine Guidelines on Electronic Prescription (e-prescription) SUMMARY

Applies to:

All individuals vulnerable to COVID-19, regardless of age and nationality, who are either Senior Citizens, PWDs, with chronic illness or those with immunocompromised conditions who need to take prescription and maintenance medicines

Coverage:

All Drugstores/Pharmacies/Botica and similar outlets

Exclusion:

Does not include prescription that requires PDEA S-2 license.

For S2 License requiring prescriptions, please see guidelines on:

https://www.ddb.gov.ph/component/content/category/images/Board_Resolution/BD.RES43%202013.pdf

Electronic prescription formats:

Optical electronic data (captured image in PDF, jpeg, or other photo file format) issued by a licensed physician and sent through email and messaging apps (Viber, WhatsApp, Messenger, Line, among others)

E-prescription should have the electronic signature of the physician

Guidelines:

- Physicians must issue a separate e-prescription for all antibiotic, anti-infective, and/or anti-viral preparations, which will only be valid for one week after its issuance.
- All e-prescriptions must contain the name of the individual to whom the medicines or drugs are prescribed, the name of the medicines and/or drugs prescribed, the dosage and all other pertinent matters similarly contained in a written prescription.
- All e-prescriptions must contain a digital signature, name, license number, Professional Tax Receipt (PTR) [if applicable] of the licensed physician.
- All physicians must keep records of all e-prescriptions they issue.

Click on this link for the complete copy of the guidelines: <https://www.fda.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/FDA-Circular-No.-2020-007.pdf>

Other Related guidelines:

For Senior Citizens: Prescription validity extended to 3 months except for antibiotics <https://www.doh.gov.ph/sites/default/files/health-update/ao2010-0032-A.pdf>

For PWD: Prescription validity extended to 3 months except for antibiotics https://www.doh.gov.ph/sites/default/files/health-update/ao2017-0008-A_0.pdf

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https://www.ddb.gov.ph/component/content/category/images/Board_Resolution/BD.RES43%202013.pdf