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## PSA Grants Clearance to the National Health Expenditure Survey (NHES) - Round 1

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On 16 October 2018, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) approved the conduct of the National Health Expenditure Survey (NHES) - Round 1 of the Department of Health (DOH), in partnership with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) - Health Policy Plus and European Union (EU) - Philippine Health Sector Reform Contract Technical Assistance. The field activities will be undertaken by the Philippine Survey and Research Center (PSRC), a third-party survey firm.

The results of the NHES - Round 1 will be used by the DOH to facilitate the study of health care utilization and financing in the country. Moreover, the survey aims to gather information on the following:

- Health expenditure
- Insurance coverage
- Sources of health care financing
- Visits to medical providers and medical facilities
- Types of visits to medical facilities
- Prescribed medicines
- Patient satisfaction and responsiveness to the health care services
- Other data items not covered by the Family Income and Expenditure Survey (FIES) and the National Demographic and Health Survey (NDHS)

The survey may generate financing and expenditure information on select specific diseases and conditions that will be used in the designing and implementation of universal health care policies and interventions.

The survey will collect data from 12,500 households in the entire Philippines starting November 2018 until April 2019.

A total budget amounting to PhP 35.7 million will be utilized to cover personal services, maintenance and other operating expenses (MOOE) such as travelling expenses, supplies and printing of materials.

Results of the survey are expected to be released in October 2019.

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The approval of the NHES - Round 1 is pursuant to the Statistical Survey Review and Clearance System (SSRCS), a mechanism being implemented by the PSA by virtue of Rule 28 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) No. 10625 to:

- ensure sound design for data collection;
- minimize the burden placed upon respondents;
- effect economy in statistical data collection;
- eliminate unnecessary duplication of statistical data collection efforts; and
- achieve better coordination of government statistical activities.

In line with this, the PSA enjoins the public to support the said survey. Further, the PSA is only mandated to review and clear the survey materials through the SSRCS. In the event that the survey proponent hires a third-party entity to undertake the survey on their behalf, kindly note that the PSA, by any means, does not have control over the agreement between the survey proponent and the third-party entity.

For further information on SSRCS, please contact the Statistical Standards Division (SSD) of the Standards Service (SS) with telephone numbers (02) 376-1928 and p (02) 376-1931, and email address: [ssd.staff@psa.gov.ph](mailto:ssd.staff@psa.gov.ph) or [ssdss.staff@gmail.com](mailto:ssdss.staff@gmail.com).

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