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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO: DOH REGIONAL DIRECTORS**  
Attention: Regional Epidemiology and Surveillance Units

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**SUBJECT: Submission and Reporting of Zika Virus Disease (ZVD),  
Microcephaly, and Guillain-Barré Syndrome Cases in all Disease  
Reporting Units**

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Following the first Zika virus positive case in the Philippines on year 2012, from February to April 2016, four (4) foreigners with history of travel to the Philippines have been confirmed with Zika Virus Disease. Efforts have been made for ZVD Surveillance by the Department of Health and its partner agencies. However, vigorous efforts is necessary to intensify the surveillance must be exerted and implemented for further detection of ZVD cases.

In line with this, all health facilities and Disease Reporting Units (DRUs) are hereby enjoined to submit and report suspected Zika Virus Disease, newly diagnosed microcephaly, and Guillain-Barré Syndrome. All health facilities and DRUs shall collect appropriate specimens for laboratory confirmation (see Annex A and B).

A zero case reporting is requested from each hospital/Disease Reporting Units if there is no case detected for that specific morbidity week. The flow of reporting shall follow the notification for **Category 2 classification which is weekly reportable** under the Philippine Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response (PIDSRS) system. Regional Epidemiology Surveillance Unit shall include the zero case reporting for ZVD specifying the summary of hospitals/DRUs unit must be included in the weekly submission of MDB to the Epidemiology Bureau thru the PIDSRS (see Annex C).

For compliance.