

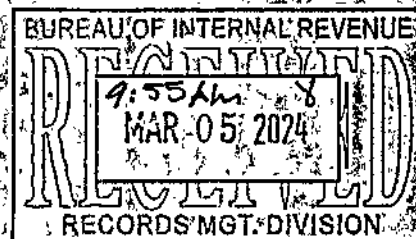


Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION



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ROMEOD LUMAGUI, JR.
Commissioner
Bureau of Internal Revenue
Quezon City



SUBJECT: Endorsement of the Updates to the List of VAT-Exempt Products under Republic Act Nos. 10963 and 11534

Dear Commissioner Lumagui:

With reference to the Implementing Guidelines on the Value-Added Tax (VAT) Exemption on several medicines provided under Joint Administrative Order (JAO) No. 2-2018 dated 21 December 2018 and JAO No. 2021-0001 dated 23 June 2021, may we provide you with the updates to the List of VAT-Exempt Drugs for Hypertension, Cancer, Mental Illnesses, Tuberculosis, Kidney Diseases, Diabetes, and High Cholesterol. Listed hereunder are the said updates as of 5 February 2024, effective upon the issuance of an FDA Advisory.

I. Inclusion

A. Medicines for Cancer

Generic Name	Dosage Strength	Dosage Form
Sonidegib (as phosphate)	200 mg	Capsule
Pemetrexed (as disodium heptahydrate)	100 mg	Lyophilized Powder for IV Infusion
Asciminib (as hydrochloride)	20 mg	Film-Coated Tablet
Asciminib (as hydrochloride)	40 mg	Film-Coated Tablet
Palbociclib	75 mg	Film-Coated Tablet
Palbociclib	100 mg	Film-Coated Tablet
Palbociclib	125 mg	Film-Coated Tablet
Pemetrexed (as disodium hemipentahydrate)	100 mg	Powder for Concentrate for Solution for Infusion (I.V.)
Pemetrexed (as disodium hemipentahydrate)	10 mg/mL (500mg/50 mL)	Solution for Injection (IV Infusion)
Cabazitaxel	60 mg/1.5 mL	Concentrate for Solution for Injection (I.V.)
Entrectinib	100 mg	Capsule
Entrectinib	200 mg	Capsule

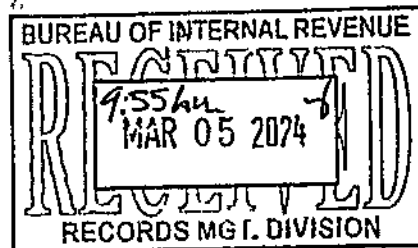
B. Medicines for Hypertension

Generic Name	Dosage Strength	Dosage Form
Losartan Potassium + Amlodipine (as besilate)	100 mg/10 mg	Film-Coated Tablet
Losartan Potassium + Amlodipine (as besilate)	100 mg/5 mg	Film-Coated Tablet
Irbesartan + Amlodipine (as Besilate)	300 mg/5 mg	Film-Coated Tablet
Irbesartan + Amlodipine (as Besilate)	300 mg/10 mg	Film-Coated Tablet

C. Medicines for Mental Illness

Generic Name	Dosage Strength	Dosage Form
Cariprazine (as hydrochloride)	1.5 mg	Capsule
Cariprazine (as hydrochloride)	3 mg	Capsule
Cariprazine (as hydrochloride)	4.5 mg	Capsule
Cariprazine (as hydrochloride)	6 mg	Capsule

Should you have any question/clarifications, you may contact the FDA Policy and Planning Service via email at pps@fda.gov.ph.



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