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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10532]

**AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PHILIPPINE
NATIONAL HEALTH RESEARCH SYSTEM**

Brief Background

- Public Consultations were held on 25th (Davao), 26th (Iloilo) and 28th (Manila) of June 2013.
- Online Consultations were also posted up to July 11, 2013.
- The Legal Officers of the Implementing Agencies of the PNHRS approved the final version on July 24, 2013

General Provisions

Rule 1. Title

Rule 2. Purpose

Rule 3. Construction and Interpretation

Rule 4. *Declaration of Policy.*

Rule 5. Definition of Terms

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Rule 6. Institutionalization.

Rule 7. Objectives of the PNHRS.

- a. Ensuring health research is linked to health system needs
- b. Ensuring that investment in health research yield the most benefit
- c. Promoting good governance among health research organizations thru efficient, effective, transparent and ethical health research management system

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Rule 7. Objectives of the PNHRS.

- d. Engaging in national and international partnerships and networks for health research development; and;
- e. Ensuring sustainability of resources for health research

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Rule 8. Formulation of the Research Agenda.

- **alignment to health and other societal goals**
- **strategic tool to direct research programs, funding priorities, and related activities**

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Rule 9. Determination of Benefit

- improved health outcomes
- optimization of investment

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Rule 10. Sustainability of Resources.

- allocation for research in budget; seen in work and financial plans
- tap funding sources

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Rule 11. Composition of the PNHRS

- Governing Council (GC),
- the Steering Committee,
- the Technical Working Committees (TWC) and
- the Secretariat, as described in Section 9 hereof.

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Rule 12. The PCHRD Governing Council shall be the PNHRS Governing Council

- (a) The Secretary of the **DOST**, as Chair;
- (b) Secretary of the **DOH**, as Co-Chair;
- (c) The Chair of the **CHED**;
- (d) The Chancellor of **UP - Manila**;
- (e) The **NNC** Executive Director;
- (f) The **PCHRD** Executive Director; and
- (g) Five (**5**) representatives from the **private sector**

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Rule 13. Private Sector Representatives; 5 appointed by president; 2 year term (based on EO 128)

Rule 14. *Meetings of the Governing Council ... follow the existing procedures of the PCHRD Governing Council*

Rule 15. Powers and Functions of the PNHRS Governing Council.

- (a) Set policies and directions
- (b) Periodically review and approve the long-term plans & programs
- (c) Evaluate and approve the NUHRA ...
- (d) Review, approve or disapprove research programs;
- (e) Create committees as the need arises
- (f) Resolve any disputes, misunderstandings and/or conflicts

Rule 16. The GC shall develop its own guidelines in reviewing, approving, and disapproving research programs.

Rule 17. *The PNHRS Secretariat.* – The PCHRD Secretariat, headed by an Executive Director, shall serve as the PNHRS Secretariat.

Rule 18. *PNHRS Secretariat Staff and Budget.* – The PNHRS, being institutionalized within the mandate of the PCHRD

Rule 19. Steering Committee

- 1) The Executive Director, DOST-PCHRD
- 2) The Director, DOH-HPDPB
- 3) The Director, CHED-OPPRI
- 4) The Executive Director, UPM-NIH
- 5) The Director of SDS-NEDA
- 6) The Chair PHREB
- 7) PhilHealth
- 8) NSO
- 9) PRC
- 10) DOTC-LTO
- 11) DENR-EMB
- 12) LGUs
- 13) The Chairpersons of relevant PNHRS TWC

Rule 20. *Guidelines of the Steering Committee* – The Steering Committee shall promulgate its guidelines for the conduct of its meetings.

Rule 21. *Creation of the Technical Working Committees (TWC).* –aligned with research themes based on the country’s health needs, and international references. The **number of TWCs shall** be increased or decreased **depending** on the circumstances **as** may be **determined** by the **Governing Council**

Rule 22. *Interrelationships of the PNHRS Components*

The PNHRS Governing Council shall be the highest policymaking body. As such, its day-to-day operation shall be subsumed within the mandate, staff and budget of the PCHRD.

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The mode of operation of the PNHRS is through cooperation and collaboration between and among consortia, organizations, individuals and experts within the health research community.

Engagement of stakeholders is through, but not limited to, the formation of advisory bodies, study groups, working groups, task forces, or similar bodies by the Governing Council or the Secretariat.

Rule 23. *The Philippine Health Research Ethics Board (PHREB)*

- a. Formulate and update guidelines for the ethical conduct of human health research
 - National Ethics Guideline
- b. Develop guidelines for the establishment and management of ethics review committees
 - Joint Circular 2012-001 (DOST, DOH, CHED, UPM-NIH)
 - Training

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c. Monitor and evaluate the performance of institutional ethics review committees

- Regional Ethics Monitoring Board

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d) Promote the establishment of functional and effective ethics review committees

- ERC categories
- accreditation

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e) Provide advice and make recommendations to the PNHRS Governing Council and other appropriate entities

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- f) Initiate and contribute to discourses and discussions on ethical issues
- g) Network with relevant local, national and international organizations

Rule 24. *Regional Health Research Systems.* – The PNHRS framework of cooperation and collaboration shall be mirrored in all the regions of the country, forming a network of regional research consortia.

Rule 25. Inter-regional collaboration shall be encouraged through joint projects, information and resource sharing, participation in, and hosting of, the annual Philippine National Health Research System Week celebration, among other things.

Rule 26. *Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountabilities and Annual Report.* Regular monitoring and evaluation mechanism shall be done by the Governing Council, through the Secretariat, to determine the accountabilities of the PNHRs to the contributing agencies.

Rule 27. The Secretariat, with the Technical Working Committees and the Steering Committee, shall develop and implement a monitoring and evaluation plan, with appropriate indicators, for approval of the Governing Council.

- **Rule 28. All health researches shall be registered in the Philippine Health Research Registry, and when published, to the national repository (HERDIN) of published health researches. The Secretariat shall develop and disseminate guidelines to enable institutions to share their research information to these registries and databases.**

- **Rule 29.** The PNHRS Network and implementing institutions shall develop policies and guidelines to institutionalize and operationalize their participation in the PNHRS.
- **Rule 30.** The Secretariat shall submit an annual report of the accomplishments of the PNHRS to the Governing Council. This report shall be presented during the PNHRS Week celebration

- **Rule 31. *Amendments to the Rules.*** Any amendment to these Rules can only be done in writing by any of the implementing agencies which shall be effective upon approval of all the implementing agencies.
- **Rule 32. *Review of the Rules.*** This IRR shall be reviewed every three years.
- **Rule 33. *Repealing Clause*** – All existing rules and regulations, or parts thereof which may be contrary to or inconsistent with these rules are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
- **Rule 34. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision, or parts, of these Rules are held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the Rules not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.
- **Rule 35. *Effectivity Clause.*** – These Rules shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in any newspaper of general circulation and upon filing at the UP Law Center in accordance with existing law.