



1 Department of Health (DOH) from 2015 to 2018 are yet to be distributed  
2 to government hospitals, health centers and other government treatment  
3 facilities;

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5 **WHEREAS**, this is an increase of around ₱2.4 billion from 2017's  
6 ₱16 billion worth of drugs and medicines that were left undistributed by  
7 the DOH. Thus, according to the state auditors, the constantly increasing  
8 balance of drugs and medicines for distribution in the DOH warehouses  
9 precluded the immediate provision of quality health service to the  
10 intended beneficiaries of the different DOH health programs and is also  
11 reflective of ineffective inventory management of the agency;

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13 **WHEREAS**, the state auditors also said that the DOH defied the  
14 World Health Organization (WHO), which recommended that storage  
15 level should be based on an average time of distribution of six to nine  
16 months, because some of the drugs that have not yet been distributed  
17 have remained in the DOH's warehouses for up to 51 months;

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19 **WHEREAS**, the state auditors noted possible causes of  
20 overstocking, which include the failure to comply with the two-month  
21 inventory requirements, the slow approval by the Food and Drug  
22 Administration, ineffective or poor procurement planning and inventory  
23 management, and the acceptance of drugs and medicines which are not  
24 in accordance with the standard requirements on shelf-life;

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26 **WHEREAS**, the state auditors also found that ₱367,157,673.87  
27 million worth of drugs and medicines were almost expired, while  
28 ₱30.353 million worth of medicines were found to have already expired;

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30 **WHEREAS**, the state auditors stressed that that existence of  
31 expired and near expiry inventory items does not only deprive the  
32 marginalized people to avail of the intended or needed benefits to be  
33 provided but may also further result to wastage of the meager funds of  
34 the government;

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1           **WHEREAS**, the state auditors reminded the DOH that it should be  
2 distributing drugs at least one year before their expiry dates, in  
3 accordance with DOH Administrative Order No. 9-B s. 1996;

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5           **WHEREAS**, the government has a duty to protect the lives and  
6 welfare of citizens, and to promote the ideals of good governance;

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8           **WHEREAS**, the Congress, through relevant legislation, must  
9 ensure efficient delivery of health care goods to the intended  
10 beneficiaries and that public funds are used judiciously and  
11 meticulously;

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13           **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY**  
14 **RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE TO DIRECT THE**  
15 **COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY TO**  
16 **CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE**  
17 **RECENT COMMISSION ON AUDIT REPORT THAT THE**  
18 **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FAILED TO DISTRIBUTE P18**  
19 **BILLION WORTH OF MEDICINES IN 2018.**

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*Adopted,*

  
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