



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Health  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

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**DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

No. ~~2014~~ 2012-0157-A

**FOR :** ALL UNDERSECRETARIES, ASSISTANT SECRETARIES;  
DIRECTORS OF BUREAUS, DOH – REGIONAL OFFICES,  
INCLUDING DOH-ARMM, SERVICE AND SPECIALTY  
HOSPITALS AND CHIEFS OF MEDICAL CENTERS  
AND OTHERS CONCERNED

**SUBJECT :** Amendment to Department Memorandum No. 2012 - 0157  
dated May 31, 2012 entitled “ Administration of Rotavirus  
Vaccine for Infants”

Department Memorandum No. 2012-0157 dated May 31, 2012 entitled “Administration of Rotavirus Vaccine for Infants” is hereby amended to change the following items:

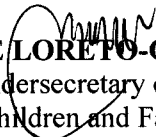
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A. Coverage	All infants from <b>6 weeks-15 weeks old</b> identified in the NHTS list by the DSWD nationwide. This shall be integrated in the essential vaccination of all infants and children in these priority areas.	All infants from <b>1 ½ months or 6 weeks old but less than 2 years old</b> in the Bicol Region (Region 5 and CARAGA).
B. Recommended Schedule of Rotavirus Immunization	The <i>first dose</i> of Rotavirus Vaccine shall be administered orally to infants aged <b>6 weeks up to 15 weeks</b> .	The Rotavirus vaccine should be administered in a 2-dose schedule. The <i>first dose</i> should be administered orally to infants aged <b>1 ½ months or 6 weeks old</b> preferably at the time with Penta1, OPV1, PCV1 schedules and the <i>second dose</i> at least 1 month or 4 weeks interval after the last dose.

		If an eligible infant <b>missed</b> the recommended timing of the rotavirus vaccination stated above, give the first dose at time the eligible child seen and the second dose at least 1 month or 4 weeks interval but not over 2 years old.
<b>C. Preparation and Administration for the Rotavirus Vaccination</b>	Ensure that the infant is <b>6 weeks to 15 weeks old</b>	Ensure that the infant is <b>1 ½ months old or 6 weeks old but less than 2 years old.</b>

This amendment replaces certain corresponding items in the previous memorandum issued because of recent development in country field operations particularly the potential of rotavirus vaccination to further reduce morbidity by employing more flexible immunization schedule (WHO, Weekly Epidemiological Record #5.2013 February 2013)

As such, all stipulated under Department Memorandum No. 2012-0157 shall remain in effect.

For strict compliance.

  
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