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**MEMORANDUM OF THE HONOURABLE COMMISSIONER FOR HEALTH, BAYELSA STATE ON THE  
IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY OF THE NATIONAL DRUG DISTRIBUTION GUIDELINE AT THE STATE LEVEL**

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform on the Implementation Strategy of the National Drug Distribution Guideline at the State level.

**BACKGROUND**

One of the major challenges of the Healthcare delivery system is the uncoordinated drug distribution system which is not in tandem with the National Drug Distribution Guideline as stipulated by the National Drug Policy. This has resulted in the number of fake, adulterated and substandard drugs in circulation.

The guideline directs that States are to establish State Drug Distribution Centre and it identifies sources of drugs at every level of healthcare delivery as well as mode of distribution thereby, introducing orderliness in the drug distribution system.

**CONTENT**

As a responsive government that craves to provide quality health services to its people, the Bayelsa State has recently constructed and commissioned a purpose-built State Drug Distribution Centre that will ensure the availability of safe, efficacious and affordable drugs in the healthcare delivery system.

The implementation of this guideline at the State level will sanitize drug distribution, provide a one- stop shop for all drug needs for both the public and private health facilities in the State, thereby further protecting its citizens.

**PRAYERS**

**The Council is invited to note as follows:**

- i. The State Drug Distribution Center has effectively started providing services for its citizens;
- ii. Full implementation of the National Drug Distribution Guideline at all levels is earnestly required; and
- iii. Expectations that set target dates for the closure of all open drug markets are maintained and achieved.

**Honourable Commissioner for Health, Bayelsa State**

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