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**MEMORANDUM OF THE HONOURABLE MINISTER OF HEALTH ON THE REVISED IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES FOR PRIMARY HEALTH CARE UNDER ONE ROOF (PHCUOR)**

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform Council on production of revised implementation guidelines for Primary Health Care Under One Roof (PHCUOR) by the National Primary Health Care Development Agency, and to seek Council's approval for its implementation by the States and the FCT.

**INTRODUCTION**

NPHCDA developed, printed and distributed the Management (Implementation) Guidelines for Primary Health Care Under One Roof (PHCUOR) in June 2016 to guide all the 36 States and FCT. However, feedback from the State Primary Health Boards (SPHCBs) and partners indicated that there are gaps and omissions which should be filled to enhance the effective use of the guidelines to provide the required guidance for the implementation of PHCUOR at State and LGA levels.

After extensive discussions on Implementation of PHCUOR, a resolution was made to carry out a comprehensive review of the June 2016 edition of the Implementation Guidelines for Primary Health Care Under One Roof (PHCUOR) and fill all identified gaps and reflect current realities..

**BENEFITS**

The Implementation Guidelines have been revised, edited and printed with the support of NPHCDA partners. The benefits of the PHCUOR Implementation Guidelines to States are to:

- Improve efficiency of SPHCB on coordination of all PHC activities delivered by LGAs and partners. This reduces duplication, wastage and improves efficient use of available resources to achieve better health outcomes;
- Improve quality of health services by promoting equity and increased accessibility to affordable high quality basic health care services for all especially the poor and vulnerable at the grassroots towards the attainment of Universal Health Coverage (UHC);
- Enhance transparency and accountability. With clearly defined roles and responsibilities, it is easier for the Governor, LGA Chairmen, Commissioner of Health and other stakeholders to know who to hold accountable at all levels for PHC service delivery; and

- Increased access to more funding by enhancing eligibility for additional funding such as the Basic Health Care Provision Fund (BHCPF) and other national and international funding for PHC services.
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## **ACHIEVEMENT SO FAR**

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Remarkable progress has been made in bringing Primary Health Care Under One Roof in the 36 States and FCT of the country. As at now, most States and FCT have established their State Primary Health Care Boards. Akwa Ibom State is at an advanced stage of establishing her State PHC Board.

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## **PRAYERS**

### **Council is invited to note that:**

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- i. The National Primary Health Care Development Agency has successfully revised the June 2016 edition of the Implementation Guidelines for PHCUOR; and
  - ii. Copies of the newly revised guideline for information to fast track the effective implementation of PHC in Nigeria are available.
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**Council is further invited to approve** that all the Commissioners of Health and Executive Secretaries of SPHCBs should use the guidelines for implementation of Primary Health Care Under One Roof in their various States and the FCT.

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**Honourable Minister of Health**

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