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To: Medical Superintendents, Hospitals/Health Facility In charge

### **ROLL-OUT OF THE JOINT MEDICAL STORE ONLINE INTEGRATED ORDERING PORTAL FOR PRIVATE SECTOR FACILITIES.**

In line with the Ministry of Health (MoH) one warehouse one facility policy, the private sector facilities order and receive Essential Medicines and Health Supplies (EMHS) from Joint Medical Stores. To strengthen health commodity management, the National Pharmaceutical Services Strategic Plan 202/21 - 2024/25 highlighted the integration of supply chain activities as a critical component. As a result, the Ministry of Health in collaboration with Joint Medical Store (JMS) has developed an integrated online ordering portal that will allow private sector health facilities to order and report on all program commodity baskets. The web-based portal will enhance an integrated approach to ordering as well as order consolidation, fulfillment, tracking, and analytics.

Therefore, the accredited private sector health facilities (Private-not-for Profit-PNFs and Private-for-profit-PFPs) will transition from ordering and reporting all health commodities on a bi-monthly basis from the District Health Information System (DHIS2) to the online integrated ordering system in a phased manner. The health facilities are expected to continue with the submission of other routine reports into DHIS2 including the monthly HMIS 105 section 6.

Therefore, effective **Cycle 2 2024 (April 01, 2024)**, Joint Medical Stores will only fulfill commodity orders for Antiretroviral (ARV), Malaria, Test Kits, Laboratory, Reproductive Health (RH), Anti-Tuberculosis (TB) and others submitted through the online integrated ordering portal based on the transition schedule below. The Zones are as per the JMS 2024 Order and Delivery Schedule.

Zone	Transition to New Ordering Portal	Effective Date	Roll-Out	Order Deadline
Zone 4	Starting Cycle 2	April 1 <sup>st</sup> 2024	April 2024	14 <sup>th</sup>
Zone 2	Starting Cycle 3	May 1 <sup>st</sup> 2024	May 2024	10 <sup>th</sup>
Zone 3	Starting Cycle 3	June 1 <sup>st</sup> 2024	June 2024	14 <sup>th</sup>

Zone	Transition to New Ordering Portal	Effective Date	Roll-Out Order Deadline
Zone 1	Starting Cycle 4	July 1 <sup>st</sup> 2024	July 10 <sup>th</sup> 2024

Therefore, this comes to request you to accord the roll-out team all the necessary support to ensure a successful transition to the online integrated ordering system. The MoH Department of Pharmaceuticals and Natural Medicines and the Joint Medical Store will coordinate with the respective Districts, Bureaus, and Implementing Partners at national and sub-national levels to support the roll-out of the system to health facilities.

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Looking forward to your usual cooperation.



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