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Policies and Regulations for Digital health

Amend and consolidate

Essential elements for consideration*

Driven by clearly articulated national digital health strategy and aligned with national health sector mandate

- **Person-centric Digital Health:** Policy required to govern patient consent, data security, privacy, confidentiality, ethical access and use of data (clinical, laboratory, and billing and genetics data) and UIDs;
- **Citizen Empowerment:** Policy on citizen education and training on use and acceptance of digital health for better patient experience, technology adoption;
- **Production of “future ready” Health Workforce:** Essential competencies and skills, civil service commission job classifications and post descriptions;
- **Data integration:** Mobile Apps for patient care management and data integration;
- **Digital health asset management:** Physical asset management systems, physical asset security and protection; and
- **Digital Health R&D:** Policies on digital health R&D; regulations on disruptive technologies and clinical decision support applications protocols.

*Big-ticket items with high financial implications

Governance Mechanisms for Digital health

Amend and consolidation

Essential elements for consideration

- **Transparent Process:** Establish, strengthen national or sub-national Digital Health Authority with citizen engagement; unambiguous terms of references, oversight functions and line of demarcations of authority;
- **Norms and Standards:** Govern national/sub-national adoption of domestic and international health data and health IT standards and norms including definition of terms, data dictionaries and meta data;
- **Authentication and UIDs:** Establish central mechanism for digital authentication services and unique identifiers;
- **Communications:** Manage harmonized and stringent process on issuance of implementation guidance through stakeholder consultation; oversee effective implementation of existing guidelines and policies; and
- **Financing investments:** Govern costing and financing digital health interventions; governing procurement, insurance and reimbursement mechanisms relevant to digital health.