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## **ADDENDUM 10: IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION OF PROCUREMENT OF CIRCUMCISION DEVICES FOR MALES AGED 10–14 YEARS**

### **RT35-2023: APPOINTMENT OF SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE SERVICE OF VOLUNTARY MEDICAL MALE CIRCUMCISION (VMMC) TO THE STATE FOR THE PERIOD 1 SEPTEMBER 2023 TO 30 AUGUST 2026.**

All participating departments and institutions are hereby notified of a recent court judgment that prohibits the use of a surgical aid device for males aged 10 to 14 years, with immediate effect. In compliance with this order, all institutions are required to immediately suspend the procurement of circumcision kits intended for use within this age group.

Furthermore, no department or institution may procure, issue, or utilise the surgical Aid device for males aged 10 to 14 years until the current contract expires and further guidance is issued. Accordingly, all procurement processes and related activities concerning this device for the specified age group must be halted without delay. Clinicians are, however, permitted to utilise alternative methods in line with National Department of Health guidelines, such as the dorsal slit method, for this age group.

For males aged 15 years and above, institutions are advised that the procurement and use of the Surgical Aid device may continue, subject to full compliance with all applicable contractual provisions, clinical protocols, and regulatory requirements, as these remain unaffected by the court order.

Your cooperation in ensuring full compliance with this directive is appreciated.

Regards,

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