



## **Declaration of Bogota in support of the National Technical Groups of Pharmaceutical Services based on Primary Health Care, and to the quality measurement system based on indicators**

**November 19, 2022**

The Pan American Health Organization / World Health Organization (PAHO / WHO) defines pharmaceutical services based on primary health care (PHC) as "pharmaceutical services with **social relevance, integrated into the health system and based on PHC**, responding to the needs of the individual, the family and the community, with well-defined roles and functions that promote healthy lifestyles, and access to and rational use of medicines, thus contributing to the right to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health."<sup>1</sup>

Based on the regional agreements set forth in the "Charter of Brasilia"<sup>2</sup>, since 2019, PAHO/WHO has supported the establishment of National Technical Groups (NTGs) led by the Ministry of Health Authorities in the countries of the Region, to strengthen the quality of pharmaceutical service delivery through a system of functions and indicators.

Meeting at the headquarters of the National College of Pharmacists of Colombia in Bogota on November 19, 2022, the member organizations of the Pharmaceutical Forum of the Americas (PFA) express their alignment with the principles of PHC-based pharmaceutical services, and with the activities promoted by PAHO/WHO through the NTGs. As such, the PFA is committed to adopt the necessary actions to be a collaborator, participant and advisor of these initiatives and groups at a regional and national levels.

In addition, the FFA expressed its unwavering support to the NTGs, understanding that the validation and establishment of the PHC-based Pharmaceutical Services indicator system is an essential foundation for the provision of quality pharmaceutical services and the promotion and integration of these services into the Integrated Health Services Networks (IHSN).

Finally, the signatory organizations commit to advocate in their respective countries for the implementation of pilots and evaluations of pharmaceutical services, the progression

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<sup>1</sup> PAHO/WHO, 2013. Pharmaceutical services based on primary health care. PAHO/WHO position paper. Available at: <https://www.paho.org/hq/dmdocuments/2013/SerieRAPSANO6-2013.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> Brasilia Charter for the Renewal of Primary Health Care-based Pharmaceutical Services (SFAPS) in the Region of the Americas (2019). Available at:

<https://bvspcr.paho.org/share/Correspondencia/ServicioFarmaceuticoAtencionPrimariaSalud/Carta%20de%20Brasilia%20sobre%20Servicios%20Farmaceuticos%20Basados%20en%20la%20Atencion%20Primaria%20de%20Salud.pdf>



towards the institutionalization of these programs, the measurement of the quality of service delivery, and active participation in the meetings and activities of the NTGs and PAHO/WHO.

Given in Bogotá, Colombia on the 19th day of the month of November, 2022.

### **Member Organizations of the Pharmaceutical Forum of the Americas**

American Society of Health Pharmacists

Argentine pharmaceutical Confederation

Bolivian Society of Pharmaceutical Sciences

National College of Pharmacists of Panama

Federal Council of Pharmacy of Brazil

National College of Pharmacists of Colombia

College of Pharmacists of Costa Rica

Association of Chemists, Biochemists and Pharmacists of Pichincha (Ecuador)

American Pharmacists Association



Paraguayan Association of Pharmacists

Chemistry and Pharmacy Association of Uruguay

**Pharmaceutical Forum of the Americas Observer Organizations**

General Council of the Official Colleges of Pharmacists of Spain

International Pharmaceutical Federation

Pan American Health Organization