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DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR

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FOR: ALL DIRECTORS OF THE REGIONAL OFFICES, CHIEFS OF THE REGULATION, LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION (RLED) AND OTHER CONCERNED STAKEHOLDERS


SUBJECT: Extension of Moratorium Period for Compliance to the Licensing Requirements for Birthing Home

Department Circular No. 2015 – 0392: *Additional Clarification on the Requirement of a License to Operate (LTO) a Birthing Facility Pursuant to Administrative Order (A.O.) No. 2012-0012 known as “Rules and Regulations Governing the New Classification of Hospitals and Other Health Facilities in the Philippines”*, issued on November 12, 2015, extended the moratorium period to comply with the Licensing Requirements for a Birthing Home up to December 31, 2016.

Thus, all Birthing Home facilities must comply with the standards and requirements set forth in Annex C of A.O. 2012-0012: Licensing Requirements for Birthing Homes, revision 6, starting January 1, 2017. However, various stakeholders, with existing facilities, have expressed difficulty in complying with the physical plant requirement for licensing.

In view of the foregoing, the Moratorium period for compliance to standards and requirements for Birthing Home (Annex C, revision 6) of A.O. 2012-0012 is **extended for another 6 months (up to July 31, 2017)**.

Dissemination of this information to all concerned is requested.


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