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TO : ALL DIRECTORS OF CENTER FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT, CHIEFS OF THE REGULATION, LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION (RLED), CHIEFS OF THE HEALTH FACILITIES AND SERVICES REGULATORY BUREAU, REGULATORY OFFICERS AND OTHER CONCERNED STAKEHOLDERS

FROM : Deferment of Validated Electronic Health/Medical Record System as Licensing Requirement

Pursuant to Department Circular (D.C.) No. 2020-0037, known as “Guidelines in the Submission of the Hospital Statistical Report thru the Online Health Facility Statistical Reporting System (OHFSRS),” post-licensing inspection/monitoring to check for the validated Electronic Health/Medical Record System (EHR/EMR) should have commenced last April 2020.

However, due to the pandemic, Department of Health (DOH) issued Department Memorandum (D.M.) No. 2020-0119 known as “Suspension of the NEHEHRSV Operations in DOH Central Office, CHDs, Metro Manila, CALABARZON and MIMAROPA,” and D.M. No. 2020-0371 titled “Resumption of the National eHealth Electronic Health/Medical Record System Validation Operations in Selected Regions.” Prior to suspension of the validation operations, only 52 % (651 out of 1,260) of hospitals have validated EHR/EMR.

In view of the above, the following guidelines shall be followed:

1. The License to Operate (LTO) of hospitals without a validated EHR/EMR shall be renewed for 2021, provided that they have no sanctions or corrective actions still for compliance. Moreover, absence of validated EHR/EMR shall not be considered as a violation during the 2021 monitoring activities.
2. Hospitals already with validated EHR/EMR shall continue using the system to input their daily data.

3. The deadline for submission of the 2020 Annual Hospital Statistical Report is on March 31, 2021.
 - a. Hospitals with a validated EHR/EMR shall transmit their 2020 Statistical Report using the validated system.
 - b. Hospitals without a validated EHR/EMR shall encode the 2020 annual hospital statistical report through the Online Health Facility Statistical Reporting System (OHFSRS) website (<http://ohrs.doh.gov.ph>).
4. Submitted statistical reports for years 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 will still be accessible for encoding and monitoring of the revised and corrected data.

For queries regarding OHFSRS credentials, please contact (02) 8651-7800 local 1930 or email at ohsrs.doh@gmail.com. For inquiries for the NEHEHRSV process, please contact the National eHealth Program Management Office through their phone number: (02) 8651-7800 local 1948/1949, or e-mail at nehehrsv@doh.gov.ph or at nationalehealthprogram@gmail.com.

For strict information and guidance.

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