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TO: ALL HEADS OF HOSPITALS, DOH CENTERS FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORS, CHIEFS OF THE HEALTH FACILITIES AND SERVICES REGULATORY BUREAU, CHIEFS OF REGULATION, LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION AND OTHER CONCERNED STAKEHOLDERS

SUBJECT: Enforcement of Bed Capacity Allocation of Hospitals Dedicated for COVID-19 Response

Republic Act (R.A.) No. 11494 also known as the “Bayanihan to Recover as One Act” mandates all government and private hospitals to allocate at least thirty percent (30%) and twenty percent (20%) of their current authorized bed capacity respectively, to accommodate and service COVID-19 patients.

Moreover, Proclamation No. 1091 titled “Extending the Period of the State of Calamity Throughout the Philippines Due to Corona Disease 2019 Declared under Proclamation No. 929, S. 2020,” directs the government and the public to continue their disaster preparedness and response efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19 and to provide basic services to the affected population until September 12, 2021.

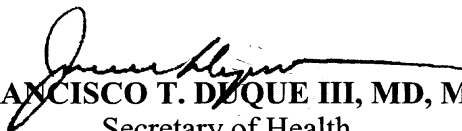
In line with the abovementioned directives, the Department of Health (DOH) through the Health Facilities and Services Regulatory Bureau (HFSRB) hereby delegates the Center for Health Development- Regulation, Licensing and Enforcement Divisions (CHD-RLEDs) to enforce the provision in R.A. No. 11494 on the required bed capacity allocation for COVID-19 patients in all hospitals in their regions, regardless of level.

Hospitals found to be non-compliant to R.A. No. 11494 shall be penalized in accordance with A.O. No. 2007-0022 titled “Violations Under the One-Stop Shop Licensure System for Hospitals” as follows:

Number of Incidence of Violation	Sanction
First offense	Written warning
Second offense	Twenty thousand pesos (Php 20,000)
Subsequent offenses	Previous fine plus an additional twenty percent (20%) of the previous fine meted

This policy shall be in full force and effect until September 12, 2021, only, unless ended earlier or extended by another Presidential Proclamation. However, should the Department of Health find it necessary to still enforce the bed capacity allocation of hospitals dedicated for COVID-19 patients after the state of calamity has been lifted, it may do so through another policy issuance.

For your information and strict compliance.


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