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**TO : ALL DIRECTORS OF THE CENTER FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT, DIVISION CHIEFS OF THE HEALTH FACILITIES AND SERVICES REGULATORY BUREAU, CHIEFS OF THE REGULATORY, LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION AND OTHER CONCERNED STAKEHOLDERS**

**SUBJECT: Further Extension of the Validity of the Certificate of Registration for Massage Therapist and Embalmers in the Philippines and Accreditation of Training Institutions, Training Programs and Training Providers for Massage Therapy, Embalmers and Undertakers in the Philippines**

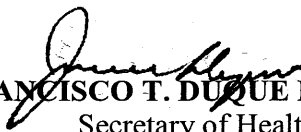
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With the continued effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on regular activities, the Committee of Examiners for Massage Therapists (CEMT) and Committee of Examiners for Undertakers and Embalmers (CEUE) of the Department of Health (DOH) deemed it appropriate and judicious to implement the following until further notice:

1. Extend the validity of Certificate of Registration (COR) of massage therapists and embalmers.
2. Extend the validity of the accreditation of training institutions, training programs and training providers for massage therapists and embalmers.
3. Suspend the written and practical examination for both the massage therapists and embalmers.
4. Suspend issuing out of initial accreditation to institutions and providers which give trainings for massage therapists and embalmers.

This shall apply to those due for COR and accreditation renewal in 2021. Those with expired COR and accreditation prior to 2019 shall be considered an initial application upon filing.

Dissemination of this information to all concerned is requested.

  
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