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FOR : ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS OF CENTERS FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT, DIVISION CHIEFS OF CENTER FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT-REGULATION, LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION (CHD-RLED) AND MINISTRY OF HEALTH-BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO REGULATION, LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT CLUSTER (MOH-BARMM RLEC); HEALTH FACILITIES AND SERVICES REGULATORY BUREAU; REGULATORY OFFICERS (RO); AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : Decentralization of Licensing and Regulatory Functions for Level 2 Hospitals from Health Facilities and Services Regulatory Bureau (HFSRB) to the Center for Health Development-Regulation, Licensing and Enforcement Division (CHD-RLEDs)

DATE : October 14, 2021

In the 138th Regular Executive Committee Meeting last October 12, 2021, it was decided that the licensing and regulatory functions for level 2 hospitals shall be implemented in the following regions: CALABARZON, Central Visayas, Davao, MIMAROPA and Northern Mindanao. The criteria for scoring is based on Annex B of Administrative Order No. 2021-0019, titled "Guidelines in the Decentralization of Regulation of Levels 2, 3 General Hospitals and Specialty Hospitals to the Department of Health Center for Health Development-Regulation, Licensing and Enforcement Division."

The following guidelines shall be followed in the transition period of the decentralization to CHD-RLEDs:

1. Renewal of license from October 1 to December 15, 2021 for level 2 and 3 general hospitals for CY 2022 in all regions shall still be with HFSRB.
2. Starting January 1, 2022, the abovementioned five (5) regions: CALABARZON, Central Visayas, Davao, MIMAROPA and Northern Mindanao shall handle application for permit to construct (PTC) and license to operate (LTO) of level 2 general hospitals within their jurisdictions or their area of responsibilities while applications for PTC and LTO of level 2 general hospitals in other regions shall be handled by HFSRB.
3. Application for PTC and LTO of level 3 general hospitals shall still remain with HFSRB.
4. Each CHD-RLED shall develop their plan on hiring the additional staff to fill-in the identified gaps in the number of their personnel in 2022-2023 as approved by their Regional Director. At least 80% of their needed ROs should already be hired prior to the decentralization of regulation for level 2 and 3 hospitals.
5. Capacity building of ROs on hospital decentralization shall be under the DOH Academy. Their individual posttest scores shall be part of the criteria in determining the readiness of the CHD-RLEDs to regulate level 2 and 3 general hospitals in their regions.

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6. A self-evaluation shall be carried out by the DOH CHD-RLED on or before September 1, 2022. The criteria to be used shall still be based on Annex B of AO No. 2021-0019.
7. The DOH CHD-RLED shall not be given tasks in conflict with regulation, such as certification of programs like newborn screening which is a requirement for licensing a health facility, and shall focus on the performance of their regulatory functions, pursuant to Section VII.5 of AO. 2021-0019.
8. Other provisions of AO No. 2021-0019 shall still be in effect.

For information and guidance.



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