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DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR
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FOR : ALL DOH CENTERS FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT (CHD) REGIONAL DIRECTORS; HEALTH FACILITIES AND SERVICES REGULATORY BUREAU (HFSRB) DIVISION CHIEFS; REGULATION, LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION (RLED) CHIEFS; HFSRB AND RLED REGULATORY OFFICERS; CHIEF OF HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL DIRECTORS; AND HEADS/MEDICAL DIRECTORS OF OTHERS HEALTH FACILITIES

SUBJECT : Extension of Submission of Price Information by Hospitals Utilizing the DOH Health Facility Price Advisory Mobile Application

Department Circular (DC) No. 2021-0454 titled "Utilization of the DOH Health Facility Price Advisory Mobile Application for Public Access to Price Information by Hospitals and other Health Facility Service Providers," aims to expand the access of the public on the prices of the health facilities and the health facility service providers pursuant to Republic Act 11223, also known as the Universal Health Care Law approved on February 20, 2019. All government and private hospitals, healthcare providers and other health facilities concerned are mandated to encode and post the prices of their amenities, health services and procedures, including that of the laboratory and professional fees on the DOH Health Facility Price Advisory (HFPA) online system via this link: <https://hfpa.doh.gov.ph/>. Based on the aforementioned DC, the encoding and posting of prices to the HFPA mobile application shall be part of the renewal requirement for the DOH-License to Operate (DOH-LTO), wherein the application for renewal of licensed for the calendar year 2022 has commenced last October 1, 2021.

However, as of December 27, 2021, less than 50% of the hospitals have been able to comply with this requirement and were issued their DOH-LTO. Various feedback from stakeholders on the reasons for their non-compliance or incomplete submission were received. Thus, to address the problem of limited access due to unlicensed facilities, the DOH-LTO of the hospitals with incomplete encoding and posting shall be issued, with the provision that they will complete their uploading and encoding of their prices/fees by January 15, 2022, through an Oath of Undertaking.

Monitoring of these hospitals shall be done after January 15, 2022, and appropriate sanctions shall be meted if found to be still non-compliant to the complete posting of prices to the HPPA application.

All other provisions of DC No. 2021-0454 not affected by this issuance shall remain in effect.

For dissemination and strict compliance.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health:



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