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SUBJECT: Decentralization of some regulatory functions of the Bureau of Health Facilities and Services on Clinical Laboratories and HIV Testing Laboratories to the Centers for Health Development in the Transition Phase.

Stipulated reforms in the Health Sector Reform Agenda define the regulatory reforms to be instituted in accordance with the new roles and functions of the DOH Central Office and the Centers for Health Development.

To effect efficiency and effectiveness in the regulation of health facilities and services, the functions of the Bureau of Licensing and Regulation, renamed the Bureau of Health Facilities and Services, have been increased to include the regulatory function of the former Bureau of Research and Laboratories.

The Bureau of Health Facilities and Services is the main policy, supervisory and monitoring body on health facility regulation and the Center for Health Development is the implementing arm at the regional level.

During the transition phase, some regulatory functions particularly renewal of license to operate clinical laboratories and accreditation of HIV testing laboratories shall be decentralized to the Centers for Health Development.

Signed AD
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A. Licensing and Accreditation**

Health Facility	Nature of Application	Responsible Bureau/Office	Signatory in Document
<p>1. Clinical Laboratories</p> <p>1.1. Hospital-based 1.2. Non-hospital based 1.3. All categories</p>	<p>Renewal of License</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Center for Health Development, (CHD) ▪ Bureau of Health Facilities & Services (BHFS) - only for the clinical laboratory where the designated Regional Inspector is employed. 	<p>CHD Director or authorized representative</p>
<p>2. HIV Testing Laboratories</p> <p>2.1 Hospital – based 2.2 Non-hospital based</p>	<p>Renewal of accreditation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CHD ▪ BHFS - only for the HIV Testing Laboratory where the designated Regional Inspector is employed. 	<p>CHD Director or authorized representative</p>

* Please refer to the Flow Chart for the issuance of license for clinical laboratories and accreditation for HIV testing laboratories.

B. Schedule of Inspection and Monitoring

1. Clinical laboratories shall be inspected every two (2) years and monitored every year or as need arises.
2. HIV testing laboratories shall be inspected every two (2) years and monitored every year or as need arises.


C. Schedule of Renewal of License of Clinical Laboratories and Accreditation of HIV Testing Laboratories.

Region	Month
NCR	March
Regions 1, 2, 3 & CAR	April
Regions 4, 5 & 6	May
Regions 7, 8 & 9	June
Regions 10, 11 & 12	July
ARMM, CARAGA	

D. Collection of Fees:

Collection of license and accreditation fees shall be the responsibility of the concerned Center for Health Development and the Bureau of Health Facilities and Services.

This Order shall take effect immediately.


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FLOW CHART - LICENSING of CLINICAL LABORATORIES
And ACCREDITATION of HIV TESTING LABORATORY

