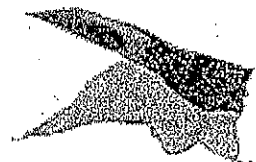


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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
No. 78 s., 2002

SUBJECT: Amendment to Administrative Order No. 7-C s., 2001 Section A 1, 1.1, 2, 2.1 (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).

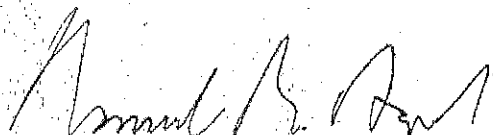
To strengthen the Unified Hospital Licensing and Regulation process of hospital, Administrative Order No. 7-C s. 2001, A. Licensing & Accreditation is hereby amended:

“The Bureau of Health Facilities & Services shall conduct the inspection of all clinical and HIV testing laboratories based in tertiary category hospitals prior to renewal of their license to operate & accreditation instead of the Centers for Health Development. However, secondary & primary clinical & HIV Testing laboratories hospital-based will still be inspected by Centers for Health Development prior to the renewal of their licenses & accreditations.”

All other provisions in the A.O. No. 7-C s. 2001 shall remain in effect.

This order shall take effect immediately.

Signed AO
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