



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Health  
**HEALTH FACILITIES AND SERVICES REGULATORY BUREAU**

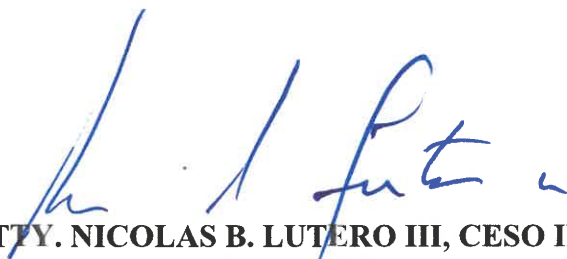
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**ADVISORY TO ALL GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE HOSPITALS,  
ACUTE-CHRONIC AND CUSTODIAL PSYCHIATRIC FACILITIES**

Pursuant to Section 33 of Republic Act No. 11036, otherwise known as, “The Mental Health Act”, “the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) shall inspect all places where psychiatric service users are held for involuntary treatment or otherwise, to ensure full compliance with domestic and international standards governing the legal basis for treatment and detention, quality of medical care and living standards.”

Therefore, the Health Facilities and Services Regulatory Bureau (HFSRB) reiterates the above-mentioned CHR mandate to all government and privately owned Department of Health (DOH) - licensed hospitals, acute-psychiatric and custodial psychiatric facilities. This is separate and independent from the licensing and monitoring activities being conducted by the HFSRB and the Center for Health Development – Regulatory Licensing and Enforcement Divisions (CHD-RLEDs). Any findings of noncompliance with the CHR shall undergo due process and not automatically affect the DOH License to Operate of the said health facilities.

For your information and guidance.

  
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