

REGULATORY UPDATES & REMINDERS

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OUTLINE

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Administrative Order No. 2019-0004

Subject: **Guidelines on the Annual Cut-off Dates for Receipt of Complete Applications for Regulatory Authorizations Issued by the Department of Health**

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I. RATIONALE

Republic Act No. 11032 also known as “An Act Promoting Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Delivery of Government Services, Amending for the purpose Republic Act No. 9485, Otherwise Known as the Anti-Red Tape Act of 2007, and for Other Purposes”, declared it the policy of the State to establish effective practices aimed at efficient turnaround delivery of government services.



III. SCOPE

This Order shall apply to **all health facilities and services regulated by the Department of Health** through the Health Facilities and Services Regulatory Bureau and/or the Center for Health Development- Regulation, Licensing and Enforcement Divisions.



V. IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES

A. All applicants shall adhere to the following timelines:

Type of Application	Application Period	Annual Cut-Off Date
Department of Health-Permit to Construct (DOH-PTC)	1st working day of the year to November 15 of the same year	November 15
Certificate of Need (CON)		November 15
Initial: Department of Health -License to Operate (DOH-LTO) Department of Health-Certificate of Accreditation (DOH-COA) Authority to Operate (ATO) Certificate of Registration (COR)		November 15



Type of Application	Renewal Period	Annual Cut-Off Date
Renewal: DOH-LTO DOH-COA ATO	October 1- December 15	December 15



- B. In the event that the cut-off date falls on a weekend or is declared as a regular/special/non-working holiday, or there is force majeure, the cut-off date shall automatically be moved to the next working day following the holiday or weekend.
- C. The HFSRB and CHD-RLEDs **shall not accept applications** whether manual or through the Online Licensing and Regulatory System **beyond the set cut-off dates** of the current year.
- D. Applicants who intend to submit via mail or courier shall ensure that their applications shall be received by the HFSRB or CHD-RLEDs on or before the cut-off dates.
- E. Applications for renewal of **EXPIRED** DOH-LTO, DOH-COA, and ATO shall still be processed subject to penalties and sanctions set forth in this Order.



VI. SANCTIONS

A. For EXPIRED authorizations:

Length of Expiry	Sanction	Remarks
Less than or equal to three months (≤ 3 months) expired	Penalty: <u>100% surcharge</u> and <u>Gap in the Validity</u> of the authorization	For processing as renewal.
More than three months (> 3 months) expired		For processing as initial. Application for DOH-PTC, DOH-LTO/DOH-COA shall be required.



B. The Rules and Regulations of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in the processing of late applications (Hospital Pharmacy and Radiation Facilities) under the One-Stop-Shop shall remain valid and in effect.



VII. REPEALING CLAUSE

This Order repeals Section VI.D.4 of Administrative Order (A.O.) No. 2012-0012 titled “Rules and Regulations Governing the New Classification of Hospitals and Other Health Facilities in the Philippines” and other related issuances that are inconsistent or contrary to the provisions of this Order. All other provisions of the aforementioned A.O. which are not affected by this Order still stand in effect.



Department Circular No. 2018-0500



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October 2, 2018

DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR
No. 2018- 0500

FOR : ALL DOH REGIONAL DIRECTORS, HEALTH FACILITIES AND SERVICES REGULATORY BUREAU (HFSRB) DIVISION CHIEFS, REGULATORY LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION (RLED) CHIEFS, HFSRB AND RLED REGULATORY OFFICERS, KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICE, CHIEFS OF HOSPITALS AND HOSPITAL MEDICAL DIRECTORS

SUBJECT : Deferment of Full Electronic Medical Record Implementation as a Requirement for 2019 Renewal of Hospital License to Operate

Department Circular No. 2018-0131, also known as, "Revised Licensing Assessment Tools for Hospitals" included the implementation of the Electronic Medical Records (EMR) as one of the additional licensing requirements. Furthermore, it was stated in Part I: Hospital Medical Services of the Revised Licensing Assessment Tool that "All general and specialty hospitals are mandated to comply with the EMR implementation starting October 2018." The validated EMR submission shall include, in the first stage of implementation, the DOH Disease Registry and PhilHealth eClaims.

However, the Knowledge Management and Information Technology System (KMITS) will only commence with the EMR validation starting January 2019. Thus, for the 2019 renewal of hospital LTO, PhilHealth eClaims submission shall be accepted as compliance to the EMR implementation. However, for 2020 renewal of hospital LTO, only a validated EMR shall be accepted as compliance to the EMR implementation.

Please be guided accordingly.

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National eHealth EHRSV

Advisory on the Implementation of National e-health Electronic Health/Medical Record System Validation



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KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT AND INFORMATION
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ADVISORY

IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL EHEALTH ELECTRONIC HEALTH/MEDICAL RECORD SYSTEM VALIDATION (NEHEHRSV)

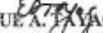
In reference to the Joint Department Order 2017-0001 entitled: "Implementation of the National eHealth Electronic Health/Medical Record System Validation", all electronic health/medical records (EHR/EMR) are mandated to conform to the data reporting requirements and submission protocols defined by the Department of Health through the NeHEHRSV process. This validation process will form part of the requirements for renewal of hospital License-to-Operate (LTO) for 2020.

This advisory is issued to inform all health facilities, service providers and entities that process health and health-related data to comply with the validation. Registration for the validation process of EHR/EMR systems will start on 03 June 2019. Applicants may submit their documentary requirements and download technical specifications at: <http://ehealth.doh.gov.ph/nehehcsv/>.

For inquires, please contact Mr. Jonathan Rey M. Cabrera of the National eHealth Program Management Office, he may be reached through phone number: (02) 651-7800 local 1948/1949, or e-mail at nehehcsv@doh.gov.ph.

For your information.

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Department Circular No. 2018-0034


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February 6, 2018

DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR
No. ~~2017-0034~~ 2018-0034

FOR : ALL DOH REGIONAL DIRECTORS, HEALTH FACILITIES AND SERVICES REGULATORY BUREAU (HFSRB) DIVISION CHIEFS, REGULATORY LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION CHIEFS (RLED), HFSRB AND RLED REGULATORY OFFICERS, CHIEFS OF HOSPITALS, MEDICAL DIRECTORS OF HOSPITALS AND OTHER DOH-LICENSED HEALTH FACILITIES, AMBULANCE SERVICE PROVIDERS AND OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : Reiteration of the Department of Health (DOH)-Recognized Training Providers for Basic Life Support (BLS)

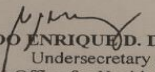
Basic Life Support (BLS) Training is one of the licensing requirements for health personnel working in hospitals, other health facilities, and ambulance.

This is to reiterate the provisions stated in the DOH Department Memorandum No. 2016-0227, also known as, "DOH-Recognition of Basic Life Support (BLS) Training Providers" wherein the following institutions were granted DOH recognition as BLS Training Providers:

1. Philippine Red Cross (PRC);
2. Philippine Heart Association (PHA); and
3. American Heart Association (AHA)

The Department of Health thru the Health Emergency Management Bureau, is currently collaborating with TESDA to develop a standard curriculum for both BLS and Advance Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) trainings. Meanwhile, health personnel who received their BLS training from any of the abovementioned institutions are not prohibited to undertake ACLS Training from any other training providers.

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Department Circular No. 2019-0225



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DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR
No. 2019 - 0225

FOR : ALL UNDERSECRETARIES, ASSISTANT SECRETARIES, DIRECTORS OF CENTRAL OFFICE BUREAUS/SERVICES AND CENTERS FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT, CHIEFS OF DOH RETAINED AND SPECIALTY HOSPITALS, SANITARIA, TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION CENTERS, INSTITUTES, AND OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : Recognition of Training Providers for Ambulance Services

The Administrative Order No. 2018-0001 entitled "Revised Rules and Regulations Governing the Licensure of Land Ambulances and Ambulance Service" was issued by the Department of Health (DOH) through the Health Facilities and Services Regulatory Bureau which sets the category for ambulance services in a health facility including training of personnel for effective operations.

Whereas the Department of Health through the Health Emergency Management Bureau has been conducting the life-saving skills training similar to those required for ambulance services, partnership has been established with the following as recognized training providers:

Agency/ Organization	Course/Training Offering
Philippine Red Cross	Basic Life Support, Standard First Aid, and Emergency Medical Technician
Philippine Heart Association with its Expanded Council on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation	Advance Cardiac Life Support, and Basic Life Support
American Heart Association	Advance Cardiac Life Support, and Basic Life Support

For compliance and dissemination to all concerned.

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Philippine Heart Association with its Expanded Council on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation	Basic Life Support and Advance Cardiac Life Support
American Heart Association	Basic Life Support and Advance Cardiac Life Support



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