



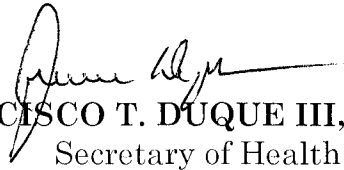
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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM
NO. 2008 - 0210

TO : ALL CONCERNED

FROM : 
FRANCISCO T. DUQUE III, MD, MSc.
Secretary of Health

SUBJECT : GAMCA REFERRAL DECKING SYSTEM

DATE : September 26, 2008

The Department of Health first issued Administrative Order No. 106, series of 2002, holding in abeyance the implementation of Administrative Order No. 5, series 2001, which is the “referral decking system” of the GCC Approved Medical Centers Association, Incorporated, otherwise referred to as GAMCA. This was reiterated in Administrative Order No. 159, series 2004, reminding the concerned OFW Clinics of the continued suspension of the referral decking system. On 30 August 2004, by virtue of Administrative Order No. 167, series 2004, AO No. 5, s. 2001 was explicitly revoked thus supposedly ending the so-called “referral decking system”. To this date however, this anomalous practice still exists and is being implemented by the GAMCA Clinics in contravention and in complete defiance of the earlier Administrative Orders issued by this Department, and all to the detriment of the outgoing Filipino workers which government has sworn to uphold and protect.

THUS ABOVE PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Department of Health hereby reiterate the revocation of Administrative Order No. 5, series 2001; hence, OFW Clinics, duly accredited/licensed by the Department of Health and/or by the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PHILHEALTH), belonging to and identified with GAMCA, are hereby directed to **FORTHWITH STOP, TERMINATE, WITHDRAW OR OTHERWISE END** the insidious practice known to be, as the “referral decking system”. Violations can no longer be tolerated and immediate compliance is hereby enjoined. **FAILURE** to abide with this Order

shall compel this Department to revoke and/or suspend the licenses/accreditations of the violating Clinics issued by the Department of Health and/or recognized by the PHILHEALTH.

The Bureau of Health Facilities (BHFS) is hereby directed to immediately serve and accordingly implement this Order and unless otherwise directed, BHFS shall periodically apprise this Office at the end of every month its progress in implementing the same.

All issuances, orders, and/or memoranda inconsistent herewith are deemed superseded, repealed, or amended accordingly.

This Order takes effect immediately.

FOR STRICT COMPLIANCE.