



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

February 11, 2020

DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR

No. 2020 - 0070

TO: ALL UNDERSECRETARIES AND ASSISTANT SECRETARIES; DIRECTORS OF BUREAUS AND CENTERS FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT; MINISTER OF HEALTH – BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO; EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF SPECIALTY HOSPITALS AND NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL; CHIEFS OF MEDICAL CENTERS, HOSPITALS, SANITARIA AND INSTITUTES; PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION; DIRECTORS OF PHILIPPINE NATIONAL AIDS COUNCIL AND TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION CENTERS AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT: Public Advisory No. 10 - Non-Refusal of Level 2 and 3 Public and Private Hospitals to Patients Under Investigation (PUIs) for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)


The Department of Health reiterates its directive to all Level 2 and 3 Public and Private Hospitals to attend to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) patients including Persons Under Investigations (PUIs). All licensed level 2 and 3 hospitals are equipped with isolation rooms at the Emergency and In-patient Departments, and should have the capability to manage infectious cases. Thus, there is no sufficient cause to refuse COVID-19 patients and PUIs seeking consultations/treatment in these hospitals.

Furthermore, pursuant to Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) Advisory No. 2020-012, refusal to provide care to said patients is considered a violation of the signed Performance Commitment with PhilHealth and shall be dealt with by the Corporation accordingly.

Attached herewith are the following issuances for your information and guidance:

1. Department Circular No. 2020-0023 entitled "*Reiteration of DC2020-0014 Directive To Attend to All Suspected nCoV Patients Seeking Consultations at the Hospital*" (*Annex A*)
2. PhilHealth Advisory No. 2020-0012 entitled "*Provision of Care to Persons Under Investigation (PUI) for 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)*" (*Annex B*)

Dissemination of the information to all concerned is requested.


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DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR
No. 2020 - 0023

TO: ALL DIRECTORS OF CENTERS FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT (CHDs), MINISTER OF HEALTH-BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (MOH-BARMM), MEDICAL CENTER CHIEFS/ CHIEF OF HOSPITALS/ MEDICAL DIRECTORS OF LEVEL 2 AND 3 HOSPITALS

SUBJECT: Reiteration of DC No. 2020-0014 entitled "Directive to attend to all suspected nCoV patients seeking consultations/treatment at the hospitals"

Licensed Level 2 and 3 Hospitals are equipped with isolation rooms at the Emergency and In-patient Departments as well as the capability to manage infectious cases.

As such, all level 2 and level 3 hospitals are hereby directed to attend to all patients including those suspected to have the 2019 nCoV (Novel Corona Virus) who are seeking consultations/treatment in these hospitals.

Appropriate infection prevention and control measures should be strictly implemented. For any concerns, please coordinate with the Emerging and Re-emerging Infectious Disease Program (8651-7800 local 2352) of the Disease Prevention and Control Bureau of the Department of Health.

All Centers for Health Development (CHDs) are hereby directed to disseminate this information for their strict compliance.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health


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DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR

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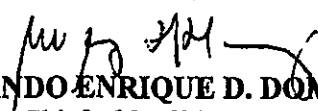
TO: ALL MEDICAL CENTER CHIEFS/CHIEF OF HOSPITALS/MEDICAL DIRECTORS OF LEVEL 2 AND 3 HOSPITALS

SUBJECT: Directive to attend to all suspected nCOV patients seeking consultations/treatment at the hospitals

Since Level 2 and 3 Hospitals are equipped with isolation rooms at Emergency rooms and in-patient rooms to accommodate suspected infectious cases and have the capability to manage the same, you are hereby directed to attend to all patients that are seeking treatment/consultations in your respective hospitals on nCOV (Novel Corona virus) suspected cases. Please observe appropriate infection control measures and coordinate the same with the Emerging and Re-emerging Infectious Disease Program (8651-7800 local 2352) of the Disease Prevention and Control Bureau of the Department of Health.

For strict compliance.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health


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ADVISORY

No. 2020 - 012



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Provision of Care to Persons Under Investigation (PUI) for 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

With the World Health Organization (WHO) declaration of the 2019 novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) as a public health emergency, and two (2) confirmed cases including one (1) death in the country, PhilHealth is working hand in hand with the Department of Health (DOH) and other concerned agencies to ensure that all Filipinos are protected from risks brought about by this emerging disease. As important as the provision of appropriate medical care to confirmed cases is being able to break the infection chain through medical quarantine of suspected cases.

Relative to the above, all accredited Level 2 – 3 hospitals (expected to have the capacity to perform quarantine and manage infectious diseases) are hereby directed to accept all Persons under Investigation (PUI) for 2019 n-CoV for assessment and appropriate management. Refusal to provide care to said patients shall be considered a violation of the signed Performance Commitment and shall be dealt with by the Corporation accordingly.


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