



Department of Budget and Management
Department of Health



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TO : Heads of Departments, Bureaus, Offices, and Agencies of the National Government, and Government-Owned or -Controlled Corporations (GOCCs) Operating General Hospitals; Heads of Local Government Units (LGUs); and All Others Concerned

SUBJECT : Revised Standards on Organizational Structure and Staffing Pattern of Level III Government Hospitals with 200 to 1,500 Beds, CY 2022 Edition (Phase I)

1.0 Background Information

- 1.1 The Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and the Department of Health (DOH) have issued DBM-DOH Joint Circular (JC) No. 2013-1 dated September 23, 2013 which provides the revised standards on organizational structure and staffing pattern of government hospitals from Level I to Level III General Hospitals, with up to 500-bed capacity, as classified by the DOH to strengthen the management, operating systems, and the structure of Hospitals and to be compliant with the minimum DOH licensing requirements, Philippine Health Insurance Corporation accreditation and the new hospital licensing category.
- 1.2 In pursuit of Republic Act (RA) No. 11223¹ or the Universal Health Care Act (UHC), the DOH has proposed the revision of the standards on the organization and staffing of government hospitals, specifically for Level III Government Hospital, to respond to the increasing demand and to align the standard staffing with the expanded services of tertiary hospitals, recognizing the limitations of the current staffing standards with regards to bed capacity, and to ensure efficient and effective delivery of quality medical services.

Hence, the revisit of the existing standards is in line with the objectives of RA No. 11223 that there shall be an integrated, comprehensive and systemic approach in the development, implementation and evaluation of health policies, programs, and plans.

¹ An Act Instituting Universal Health Care for All Filipinos, Prescribing Reforms in the Health Care System, and Appropriating Funds Therefor, dated February 20, 2019

2.0 Coverage

The Revised Standards on the Organizational Structure and Staffing Pattern (OSSP) of Level III Government Hospitals with 200 to 1,500-beds shall be implemented in two (2) phases:

A. **Phase I** shall cover the following five (5) organizational units:

- Office of the Medical Center Chief;
- Allied Health Professional Service;
- Nursing Service;
- Hospital Operations and Patient Support Service; and
- Finance Service.

B. Phase II shall cover the following service/units:

- Medical Service; and
- Optional Units.

3.0 Purpose

This Circular is issued to prescribe the implementation of the **Phase I** of the Revised Standards on the OSSP of Level III Government Hospitals with 200-beds to 1,500-beds Capacity, CY 2022 Edition.

4.0 Exclusion

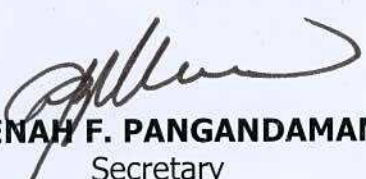
This Circular does not cover Level I and Level II General Government Hospitals, and those classified as Special Hospitals or Other Health Facilities under the DOH Administrative Order No. 2012-0012².

5.0 Resolution of Issues

Issues and concerns that may arise in the implementation of this Joint Circular shall be resolved by the DBM and DOH.

6.0 Effectivity

This Joint Circular shall take effect immediately.


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² Rules and Regulations Governing the New Classification of Hospitals and Other Health Facilities in the Philippines (July 18, 2012)