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DOH uncovers fixing/selling of endorsements

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THE Health department has condemned the alleged fixing or selling of guarantee letters by unscrupulous people at the expense of poor and indigent patients.

The department anticipated the recent arrest of a Hubert Lotino, the alleged fixer of some guarantee letters it had issued.

Lotino was one of those named by whistleblowers who had earlier volunteered information about a scheme using the Medical Assistance to Indigent Patient program fund.

Acting on the reports of informants, the department enlisted the help of the National Bureau of Investigation

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to catch the alleged fixers. The reports on their illicit activities have likewise been referred to other government agencies for action.

The department has been conducting its own internal investigation since reports of the scheme surfaced.

The department has vowed to provide the best health care services to all Filipinos as envisioned in the Universal Health Care Law.

"We appeal to the public, especially the clients seeking medical assistance with, that they not be swayed by sweet-talking fixers out to exact money from them in exchange for guarantee letters," DOH Secretary Francisco Duque said.

He said the Medical Assistance to Indigent Patients was free and not for sale.