



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

No. 2018- 0167

FOR: DOH-ARMM SECRETARY OF HEALTH, ALL REGIONAL OFFICES DIRECTORS, REGIONAL NEWBORN SCREENING COORDINATORS, CHIEFS OF MEDICAL CENTERS AND HOSPITALS, HEADS OF NEWBORN SCREENING CENTERS, DIRECTOR OF NEWBORN SCREENING REFERENCE CENTER AND OTHER CONCERNED

SUBJECT: Application of All Health Facilities to become Newborn Screening Facilities (NSFs)


As agreed upon during the consultative workshop with the Newborn Screening Coordinators last April 18-20, 2018 at Bayview Park Hotel Manila, an endorsement from DOH-Regional Offices and DOH-ARMM is a prerequisite for the release of facility codes by the Newborn Screening Reference Center (NSRC) to the applying health facilities.

Conduct of training and orientation to the applying health facilities should be the responsibility of DOH-Regional Offices and DOH-ARMM. All trained health facilities will be endorsed by their respective regions to the NSRC for the release of facility codes. In the event that an endorsement from DOH-Regional Offices and/or DOH-ARMM may not be feasible due to some geographic limitations, a request of exemption from applying health facilities can be submitted to DOH-Central Office for consideration. A hard copy of the said request can be submitted to Disease Prevention and Control Bureau, Building 14, San Lazaro Compound, Rizal Avenue, Sta. Cruz, 1003 Manila.

All other provisions stipulated in Department Memorandum No. 2009-0021: Process of Registration for Newborn Screening Facilities, not affected by this Order still stand in effect.

For your information and guidance.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health:


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