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To : All CHED Regional Directors
Presidents of State Universities and Colleges (SUCs)
Administrators of Local Government Colleges and
Universities
Presidents of Private Higher Education Institutions

SUBJECT : **NEW PROCEDURES IN THE PROCESSING OF
APPLICATIONS OF GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY TO
OPERATE DOCTOR OF MEDICINE AND BACHELOR OF
SCIENCE IN NURSING PROGRAMS**

In accordance with pertinent provisions of Republic Act No. 7722, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Act of 1994" and by virtue of CHED en banc Resolution No. 492-2003 on the operation of medical and nursing programs, new procedures shall be implemented in the processing of applications of government authority to operate Doctor of Medicine (MD) and Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) programs.

Studies conducted by the CHED Technical Committees for Medical and Nursing Education and medical and nursing professional associations, show the following:

1. There is a proliferation of medical and nursing schools in the country.
2. Philippine Licensure Examinations (PLE) administered by the Professional Regulations Commission (PRC) indicate the deterioration of the quality of medical and nursing education.
3. There is a dearth of qualified faculty, deans and teaching hospitals which are important factors to be considered in the offering of medicine and nursing programs.

The issuance of government authority shall progress from: 1) permit to cover the offering of the 1st and 2nd year levels; 2) permit covering the offering up to the 3rd year level; and 3) recognition for the entire program. The issuance of the initial permit covering 1st and 2nd year levels shall require full compliance of minimum standards for the first three years of the program. In the 2nd year of operation, application for the 3rd year level shall be made. For issuance of government recognition, full compliance of the minimum standards (100 percent) for the whole program is required.

All applications for government authority (Permit and Recognition) to operate MD and BSN programs shall be submitted to the CHED Regional Offices for preliminary evaluation. Preliminary evaluation by the CHEDRO shall include documentary analysis and ocular inspection by the Regional Quality Assessment Teams (RQATs). Only applications that are favorably recommended by the CHEDRO shall be forwarded to the Office of Programs and Standard through the Executive Office.

The OPS through the Technical Committees (TC) shall conduct the final evaluation of the applications. If favorably endorsed by the Technical Committees, the recommendation shall be submitted by the OPS through the Executive Office to the Commission en banc for final decision. The action taken by the Commission en banc with corresponding CHED Resolution shall be forwarded by the Executive Office to the CHEDRO for issuance of government authority if action is favorable. If not favorable, the HEI is informed by the CHEDRO of the disapproval.

These new procedures shall apply to all HEI including the autonomous and deregulated higher education institutions (HEIs). In the case of state universities and colleges (SUCs) and local universities and colleges (LUCs), the above procedure shall be followed prior to action by the governing board. The action of the CHED shall be recommendatory to the governing boards.

This CMO shall take effect beginning January 2004 and shall remain in force and effect until otherwise revoked or superseded.

Wide dissemination of this CMO is desired.


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