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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS
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DECS MEMORANDUM
No. 8, s. 1997

INSTITUTIONALIZING THE HEALTH AND NUTRITION
ASSESSMENT OF ALL GRADE ONE ENTRANTS

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Superintendents
Directors of Services/Centers and Heads of Units

1. The health and nutrition assessment of all Grade I entrants during the National School Enrollment Day (NSED), and opening of classes in June provides relevant data in the planning of intervention strategies for the prevention and control of ailments which commonly affect the children.
2. In order to sustain these initiatives, the Department of Education, Culture and Sports institutionalizes the health and nutritional assessment of all Grade I pupils commencing on the National School Enrollment Day on January 27. Priority attention shall be given to the identification and management of diseases/defects associated with the teaching-learning situation such as visual defects, hearing impairment, micronutrient malnutrition (anemia, goiter and vitamin A deficiency), and rheumatic fever-rheumatic heart disease.
3. The Health and Nutrition Center is directed to plan for the full mobilization of all school health and nutrition personnel, as well as the clinic teachers, to do advocacy for such activity; perform health and nutritional assessment on all Grade I pupils; and to institute intervention measures. Collaboration should be made with the health personnel in the local government units; and also with the local chapters of the Philippine Medical Association (PMA); the Philippine Pediatric Society; Philippine Heart Association, and the Philippine Cardiac Foundation, with which agreements for their assistance have already been made.
4. Regional directors and school administrators are enjoined to extend full administrative support to this activity. It is reiterated that ten per cent (10%) of the MOOE for supplies, be allocated for the procurement of medical and dental supplies, in accordance with DECS Memorandum No. 342, s. 1995, for the use of the personnel in the examination and treatment of the pupils.
5. The activities of the health and nutrition personnel shall be monitored to ensure the attainment of a 100% completion of health examination by the end of September each year.

6. The consolidated regional report on the health assessment shall be submitted to the Health and Nutrition Center, DECS, on or before October 15 of the year.

7. Widest dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum is desired.

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References:

DECS Memorandums: (Nos. 342, s. 1995) and
194, s. 1996

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