

## REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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ORGANIZING A FUNCTIONAL "LITTLE DOCTORS AND NURSES CLUB"
IN THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Superintendents
Presidents, State Colleges and Universities
Heads of Private Schools, Colleges and Universities
Vocational School Superintendents/Administrators

- 1. The Department of Education, Culture and Sports will launch the "Little Doctors Education Program" as a strategy for health promotion, education and disease prevention in the schools.
- 2. This program aims to mobilize the elementary and high school students to render early detection; and first aid treatment of common ailments found among their peers and assist in the health promotion activities in the schools and communities.
- In order to attain the objectives of this program, each elementary and secondary school shall organize a functional "Little Doctors and Nurses Club", membership of which shall come from the student body. Students who will participate in this program will be trained on first aid, use of herbal medicines, detection of common ailments, case referrals and preventive alert system in cases of disease outbreaks. In addition, they will help promote the practice of environmental sanitation and personal hygiene, and eventually extend these practices to the home/community.
- 4. School administrators and teachers are directed to lend full support towards the attainment of program objectives. School health and nutrition personnel shall take the lead in the training of the club members, and in the monitoring of the activities undertaken by the students.
- 5. Widest dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum is desired.

ICARDO T. GLORIA Secretary

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Reference: None

Allotment: 1-2-3-4--(M.O. 1-87)

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CLUBS PROGRAM, SCHOOL STUDENTS TEACHERS