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MEASLES "CATCH-UP" MONTH/CAMPAIGN

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau/Cultural Agency Directors
Directors of Services/Centers and Heads of Units
Regional Directors
Schools Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. In response to the call for support from the Department of Health for the Philippine Measles Elimination Campaign, a measles "Catch-Up" Month Campaign shall be implemented to attain the goal of total measles elimination throughout the country.

2. The campaign starts on September 16 up to October 14, 1998, wherein all children ages 9 months to 15 years old are to be immunized. Children ages 6 years and above shall be immunized in the schools.

3. In order to successfully implement the said activity, the following are the roles/responsibilities of concerned personnel:

A. All school health and nutrition personnel (MD, DMD, PHN and Nutritionists)

1. On Advocacy

- a. Issuance of regional and division memoranda on the Measles Elimination Campaign (MEC);
- b. Orientation of DECS officials and school administrators on the MEC and on DECS' Role;
- c. Orientation of teachers and parents;
- d. Regional Health and Nutrition Unit staff to orient division medical officers and division MDs to orient health personnel at their levels; and
- e. Assist in the implementation of the poster-making contest on the campaign.

2. On Monitoring and Evaluation

- a. Monitoring of actual administration of vaccines;
- b. Preparation of city/provincial/regional consolidated report of vaccinated and unvaccinated children including constraints and problems encountered;
- c. Assistance to the evaluation of the program; and
- d. Preparation of the list of students whose parents refuse to sign consent slips.

B. School Physicians and Nurses

1. On Facilitation

- a. Estimation of the number of children and logistics in collaboration with provincial/city/rural health units (RHUs) personnel;
- b. Distribution/collection of information sheets and consent slips;
- c. Coordination of various activities from preparatory to actual immunization and reporting during vaccination sessions;
- d. Fill-up Form 2 (Part II) and Form 3, Consolidated information on MEC school-based immunization; and
- e. Preparation of logistics estimates.

2. On Actual Vaccination

- a. Assistance to RHU personnel in the administration of measles vaccines to school children;
- b. Assistance to the proper disposal of used needles; and
- c. Coordination with teachers and school administrators on the orderly/systematic administration of the vaccines.

C. Teachers

1. Preparation of the masterlist of all school children;
2. Conduct of advocacy on MEC during PTA meetings in order to motivate parents to allow their children to be vaccinated;
3. Distribution and collection of consent slips for submission to health personnel;
4. Integration of core messages on vaccination in classroom teaching; and
5. Assistance to health personnel in the actual vaccination and in the preparation of reports.

D. School Administrators

1. Accountability on the conduct of MECS activities in the school;
2. Dissemination of information regarding MECS and discussion of activities to teachers;
3. Coordination with school health personnel and rural health personnel on the conduct of activities like referral, reporting, evaluating, poster-making, etc.
4. Assurance that the core messages on measles prevention and control shall be integrated in appropriate subject areas;
5. Coordination with teachers on the implementation of the Poster-Making Contest; and
6. Preparation of final report.

4. The School Health and Nutrition Center in the Central Office and the Regional Health and Nutrition units shall be responsible for the over-all coordination of the activities at their respective levels. It is requested that the report on these activities be included in the 3rd Quarter Report on School Health for 1998.

5. For immediate dissemination and compliance.


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Secretary

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