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REVISION OF MIDWIFERY CURRICULUM IN COMPLIANCE
WITH R.A. 7392, THE PHILIPPINE MIDWIFERY ACT

To: Bureau Directors, Regional Directors,
and Schools Superintendents
Heads of Chartered State Colleges and Universities
Heads of Private Schools, Colleges and Universities
Heads of Community Colleges and Universities
and Vocational Schools

1. Republic Act No. 7392, otherwise known as the Philippine Midwifery Act of 1992, stated among others, the expanded role of the midwife to ensure delivery of basic health services to our people, especially in the rural areas where such services are most urgently needed.

2. To achieve safe motherhood initiative which aims to reduce the maternal and perinatal mortality, the expanded role and responsibility of the midwife now include:

- a. Performance of internal examination during labor except when patient is with antenatal bleeding;
- b. Health education of the patient, family and community;
- c. Carrying out the written order of physicians with regard to antenatal, intranatal and postnatal care of the normal pregnant mother;
- d. Giving immunization;
- e. Giving oral and parenteral dispensing of oxytocic drug after delivery of placenta;
- f. Suturing perineal lacerations to control bleeding;
- g. Giving intravenous fluid during obstetrical emergencies provided they have been trained for the purpose; and
- h. Inject vitamin K to the newborn.

3. The Midwifery curriculum, therefore, should be revised to include subjects that will include these expanded role. In line with the liberalization policy of the DECS, schools shall

develop their own curricula to include subjects covering the above responsibilities. Copies of the revised curriculum should be submitted to the DECS regional offices for their information.

4. This Order supersedes all existing rules and standards related to midwifery education.

5. Compliance with this Order is directed.



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Secretary

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As stated

References:

DECS Order: No. 50, s. 1985

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