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FOR : ALL UNDERSECRETARIES AND ASSISTANT SECRETARIES; CENTERS FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT (CHD) AND BUREAU AND SERVICE DIRECTORS; MINISTER OF HEALTH – BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (MOH-BARMM); EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF SPECIALTY HOSPITALS; CHIEFS OF MEDICAL CENTERS, HOSPITALS, AND DIALYSIS FACILITIES; AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : Reiteration of Interim Guidelines for Dialysis Facilities During COVID-19 Pandemic

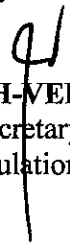
Various reports were received by the Department of Health in recent weeks regarding concerns on the safety and quality of dialysis services being rendered during this COVID-19 pandemic. These include difficulty of patients in getting access to dialysis facilities, proper handling of COVID-19 cases in dialysis facilities, safety issues for both dialysis patients and health workers, and compliance of these facilities with infection prevention and control measures.

The Department has already issued the following policies to provide guidelines to all dialysis facilities and other relevant stakeholders in taking the proper steps in handling of COVID-19 cases and in the strict implementation of infection prevention and control measures:

1. DC No. 2020-0162: Directive for the Continuous Operation of Dialysis Facilities in the Philippines During the Enhanced Community Quarantine in Light of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Outbreak
2. DM No. 2020-0168: Interim Guidelines for Dialysis Centers Catering to Suspect, Probable and Confirmed COVID-19 Cases
3. DM No. 2020-0162: Interim Guidelines on the Accommodation Arrangement for Health Workers during COVID-19 Health Emergency Response Period

For strict implementation.

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