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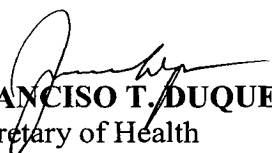
**FOR : ALL UNDERSECRETARIES, ASSISTANT SECRETARIES, DIRECTORS OF BUREAUS, CENTERS FOR HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT, AND SERVICES; EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF SPECIALTY HOSPITALS, NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION; CHIEFS OF MEDICAL CENTERS, HOSPITALS, SANITARIA, INSTITUTES AND INFIRMARIES; PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE INCORPORATION (PHILHEALTH), DIRECTORS OF PHILIPPINE NATIONAL AIDS COUNCIL (PNAC), AND TREATMENT REHABILITATION CENTERS (TRCs); AND OTHERS CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT : Extension of the Validity of the Mother- and Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative (MBFHI), Mother-and-Baby-Friendly Workplace (MBFW), and Care for Small Baby (CSB) Accreditation During the COVID-19 Pandemic**

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In reference to DOH Department Circular 2020-0309 (Clarification on the Validity of the Mother- and Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative (MBFHI), Mother-and-Baby-Friendly Workplace (MBFW), and Care for Small Baby (CSB) Accreditation During the COVID-19 Pandemic), **the validity of MBFHI Certifications and Accreditations and MBFW Certifications** are extended up to June 2021.

This is in light of the upcoming revised guidelines on MBFHI Accreditation and MBFW Certification. Dissemination of the information to all concerned is requested.

  
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Secretary of Health