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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

No. 2013 – 124

TO : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY MAYORS, MUNICIPAL MAYORS, REGIONAL GOVERNOR OF THE ARMM AND DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS

SUBJECT : REITERATION RE: RENAL HEALTH PROMOTION AND RENAL DISEASE PREVENTION

According to the National Statistics Office (NSO), renal or kidney diseases ranked as the 8th most common cause of death among Filipinos. In 2012, approximately 20,800 patients with kidney diseases have undergone dialysis. Dialysis is an expensive medical treatment costing around PhP 30,000 per month, an amount that is well beyond the reach of an average Filipino.

Fortunately, in most cases, renal diseases can be prevented.

In support of the national government's advocacy to increase awareness, and empower local health workers on renal health promotion and renal disease prevention, DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2012-54, enjoining all Provincial Governors, City and Municipal Mayors to extend their support to the Renal Disease Control Program (REDCOP) of the National Kidney and Transplant Institute (NKTII), was issued on March 16, 2012.

In furtherance of promoting public health, all local chief executives are encouraged to:

1. Designate a Provincial, a City or a Municipal REDCOP Coordinator who shall take the lead in the:
 - Coordination and implementation of REDCOP's national projects and activities e.g., nationwide training in Maximizing the Utilization of Routine Urinalysis for the Detection of Renal Diseases and Nephrology for the Generalist, and advocacy campaign for organ and transplantation,
 - Recommendation of renal health projects or activities which are critical in his or her area of responsibility, and implementation of the same,
 - Submission of accomplishment or progress reports to the concerned REDCOP Regional Coordinator, and

- Participation in the regional consultative meetings.
2. Include, in their respective local Annual Investment Program, a project or activity which promotes renal health e.g., development of a community-based advocacy strategy and training of health workers on the early detection of renal diseases.

All DILG Regional Directors and the Regional Governor of the ARMM are hereby directed to cause the immediate and widest dissemination of this Memorandum Circular, and ensure that this Circular is effectively communicated to all concerned local authorities.

For further details, interested parties may contact Dr. Antonio R. Paraiso, Program Manager or Dr. Susan L. Jorge, Assistant Program Manager, REDCOP-NKTI, at Telephone Nos.: (02) 927-7314, 925-3678, 981-0300 or 981-0400 local 3111, or through email address: redcop@nkti.gov.ph; or communicate directly with the Regional REDCOP Coordinator at the concerned Department of Health- Center for Health Development.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.


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