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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**  
**NO. 2016-37**

**TO :** ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY AND MUNICIPAL MAYORS, PUNONG BARANGAYS, THE ARMM GOVERNOR AND DILG ARMM REGIONAL SECRETARY, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS/FIELD OFFICERS AND OTHERS CONCERNED

**SUBJECT :** PHILHEALTH TSEKAP (TAMANG SERBISYO PARA SA KALUSUGAN NG PAMILYA) ACCREDITED BARANGAY HEALTH STATIONS

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The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) as an active partner of the Department of Health (DOH), and the Department of Education (DepEd) recognizes the State's vital role in providing equitable and accessible quality healthcare for all Filipinos, especially those poor and vulnerable sector, by ensuring that there is a functional Barangay Health Station (BHS) in every Barangay.

Recent DOH Health Facility Inventory showed that only 17,904 of the 42,036 barangays have existing BHS. DepEd data likewise shows that 40% of their reviewed elementary schools do not have BHS in the barangay.

To address the gap, DOH has partnered with DepEd and DILG to establish Philhealth TSEKAP (Tamang Serbisyo para sa Kalusugan ng Pamilya) – accredited BHS within a public school since land appropriated to public schools is ready and can be shared and used for BHS. Likewise, the BHS may serve as school clinic.

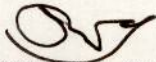
The construction of barangay health stations within the school in barangay without BHS started with 3,200 BHS in 2015. Expansion of the program in CY 2016 onwards involves the construction of 3,000 BHS annually.

In this regard, all concerned DILG field officers are hereby directed to participate in all relevant meetings and trainings with regard to the implementation of the program.




Likewise, all Local Chief Executives (LCEs) are hereby encouraged to: issue building permit; ensure the availability of utilities; enjoin the LGU health workers to provide health services at the school-based BHS; and extend any necessary aid to the establishment of the said BHS.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.



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