



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 187, s. 1973

SUBJECT : Authorizing the Regional Health Directors to establish and operate under the RHUs 6-10 bed health facilities subject to certain conditions.

In connection with the implementation of the Medical Care Plan of the Philippine Medical Care Act of 1969 (R.A. 6111) and to strengthen the efforts of the government in making available hospital services to inhabitants of depressed communities and difficult areas, Regional Health Directors are hereby authorized to establish and operate 6-10 bed health facilities under the administration of the Rural Health Unit assigned in communities not easily accessible by normal land and water transport, subject to the following conditions:

1. No health bed facilities are available, government or private, within a radius of thirty kilometers from the nearest existing hospital.
2. The number of inhabitants within its service area shall not be less than two thousand people.
3. The services to be provided by said facilities shall be for those conditions that will require only simple diagnostic and therapeutic equipment and procedures within the capability of a general practitioner.
4. These 6-10 bed facilities are established to meet the primary health care needs of the community and in the event that the patient's condition will require the services of a regular hospital, the case shall be referred accordingly applying first-aid treatment and resuscitation procedures to allow safe transfer to the hospital.
5. That these facilities shall conform with the prescribed requirements of the Bureau of Health and Medical Services.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

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