



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Health  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
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**SUBJECT: Guidelines for the implementation of Item 5.5.3 of the General Appropriations Act of 1981 Batasang Pambansa Blg. 80.**

"5.5.3 Lump-sum for the upgrading of substandard hospitals, subject to Section 40 of P.D. No. 1177 - - - ₱30,487,000."

Recommended guidelines for upgrading of substandard MOH hospitals:

- a. Each substandard hospital shall submit immediately to their respective Regional Director (copy furnished Office of the Deputy Minister and Bureau of Medical Services) a plan which state the deficiencies of the hospital and the strategy to attain standardization including estimated costs.
- b. The Office of the Regional Director and the Bureau of Medical Services shall review each plan and ensure that the implementation of the plan shall result in attaining standards.
- c. The Regional Director shall administer the judicious spending of the fund so that priority of funding support should be given to the development of particular skills and acquisition of essential equipment that should upgrade the substandard hospitals. To implement this, disbursement from this particular fund shall be approved by the Regional Directors.
- d. Only authorized 25-bed hospitals should be allotted additional personnel if present number of staff is below 25.
- e. Hospitals with authorized 50-beds and above will have status quo number of personnel positions until further study.
- f. The deadline for the attainment of the upgrading shall be December 1981.

Rules and regulations for the implementation of the above guidelines:

1. Priority of funding support shall be given to the particular skills and essential equipments needed that would upgrade the substandard hospital to its appropriate level.
2. In the upgrading of skills, facilities of the Regional Hospitals and Medical Centers shall be

utilized and other tertiary training accredited hospitals of the Ministry of Health.

**Mechanism for Release of Funds:**

Upon approval of their proposals by the Minister of Health, Hospitals shall submit special budgets to the Office of the Minister through their respective regional offices to secure the release of the necessary funds, in accordance with Section 40, P.D. No. 1177.

Accordingly, all the above guidelines are formulated for the information, guidance, reference and for strict observance and implementation in all sub-standard hospitals under the Ministry of Health.

This Order takes effect upon approval.

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