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Administrative Order

No. 17 s., 2000

SUBJECT : Amendment to Administrative Order No. 15-A series of 1999 (Decentralization of Selected BRL Regulatory Functions to the Regional Health Offices

In view of the forthcoming DOH re-engineering and streamlining plan, Administrative Order No. 15-A s., 1999 (Decentralization of Selected Bureau of Research & Laboratories (BRL) Regulatory Functions to the Regional Health Office), is temporarily held in abeyance until such time that definite organizational structure and functions in the regional offices shall have been clarified.

In view thereof, the following modifications shall be observed:

LICENSING (Clinical Laboratories and Blood Banks/Blood Centers):

A. Acceptance of Applications:

1. All new applications regardless of category and classification applied for should be filed/submitted and corresponding license fees paid directly to the Bureau of Research & Laboratories (BRL). The same applies to all **renewal** applications of both **hospital and non-hospital-based tertiary** category laboratories.
2. Renewal applications for primary, and secondary hospital-based Clinical Laboratories shall be filed, submitted and license fees paid to the respective regional health offices.

Signed A. O. Received in
the Records Section on 3/21/2000

B. Inspection:

1. Hospital-based

- a. All primary and secondary- category clinical laboratories shall be inspected by the respective regional health offices. Reports of such inspection shall be submitted to BRL.
- b. All new tertiary category clinical laboratories shall be inspected by the BRL.
- c. All categories of blood banks/blood centers shall be inspected by the BRL.

2. Non-Hospital-based

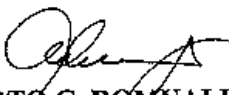
All categories of clinical laboratories and blood banks/ blood centers shall be inspected by the BRL.

C. Processing/Issuance of Licenses:

Processing and issuance of all licenses shall be done at the BRL.

All other provisions of A.O. No. 15-A s., 1999 not contrary to this Administrative Order remain in effect.

This Order shall take effect immediately.


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