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SUBJECT : Decentralization of Selected Bureau of Research and Laboratories (BRL) Regulatory Functions to the Regional Health Office.

TO: Regional Health Directors, Assistant Regional Directors, Regulatory Officers, Chiefs of Hospitals.

In accordance with current DOH initiatives and efforts towards streamlining and decentralization, some selected regulatory functions of the BRL specifically for laboratories and blood service facilities are hereby decentralized. The objective of this movement is to facilitate an effective and efficient licensing system for the mentioned facilities. The following functions shall be decentralized effective immediately.

FUNCTION	YEAR		
	1999	2000	2001
A. LICENSING			
Acceptance of Applications			
NEW	BRL	RHO	RHO
RENEWAL	RHO	RHO	RHO
1. Inspection (Clinical Laboratories)			
<u>a. Hospital-based</u>			
Primary	RHO	RHO	RHO
Secondary	RHO	RHO	RHO
Tertiary	BRL	BRL	RHO
<u>b. Non-Hospital-based</u>			
Primary	BRL	RHO	RHO
Secondary	BRL	RHO	RHO
Tertiary	BRL	BRL	RHO
2. Processing/Issuance of License (Clinical Laboratories)			
<u>a. Hospital-based</u>			
Primary	RHO	RHO	RHO
Secondary	RHO	RHO	RHO
Tertiary	BRL	BRL	RHO

b.Non-Hospital-based

Primary	BRL	RHO	RHO
Secondary	BRL	RHO	RHO
Tertiary	BRL	BRL	RHO

3. Processing/Issuance of License (Blood Service Facilities-
Blood Banks/Centers)

Hospital-based	BRL	BRL	BRL
Non-Hospital-based	BRL	BRL	BRL

4. Authorization of Blood Collection Units/Blood Stations

		RHO	RHO
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B. Monitoring (Supervisory Visits)

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Note : To conduct spot checks and provide consultative and
advisory services to problematic and erring laboratory facilities.

C. Quality Assurance Program

1. Preparation of unknown samples	BRL	BRL	BRL
2. Distribution of unknown samples	BRL	BRL & RHO	BRL & RHO
3. Evaluation of Quality Assurance	BRL	BRL	BRL

D. Training

1. Laboratory Procedures			
a. Basic Lab. Techniques	BRL	RHO	RHO
b. Advanced Lab. Techniques	BRL	BRL	RHO
2. HIV Testing Proficiency Workshop	BRL	BRL	BRL
3. Training of Trainers	BRL	BRL	BRL
4. Lab. Mgt. Training for Physicians-in-charge of primary Hospital-based clin. labs. in selected areas.	BRL	BRL (didactic) RHO (practical)	

5. Training of Laboratory Regulatory Officers

	BRL	BRL	RHO
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Note: In order to prepare regulatory officers for the decentralization process,
Training of Laboratory Regulatory Officers shall start as soon as D.O.
No. 268 s., 1999 (Moratorium on DOH Training & Other Human Resource
Activities for Health) is lifted.


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