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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
No. 15, s. 1993

S U B J E C T : Banning smoking in all health care facilities under the Department of Health

It is now an established fact that smoking is toxic, hazardous, and addicting. The adverse health effects of smoking result in serious illnesses, notably lung cancer, cardiovascular diseases and chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases, among others. Smoking is also the single most important risk factor in the country today, and this habit must be put under control in order to promote and safeguard the constitutional right of every citizen to a healthy life.

Thus, health workers need to fully understand their role in advocating a healthy lifestyle. Health facilities must indeed be the windows to a tobacco-free world and by serving as role models to the people they serve. One way to realize this is to create a smoke-free environment in all health facilities under the Department of Health.

For this purpose, regional health offices, hospitals/medical centers, and all other health facilities under the administrative supervision of the Department of Health are hereby declared "SMOKE FREE ZONES".

Henceforth, smoking in the buildings/compounds of these facilities as well as the sale of cigarettes, cigars and other tobacco products shall be strictly prohibited.

Moreover, chiefs of health care facilities are enjoined to print, as appropriate, the caption "SMOKING IS DANGEROUS TO HEALTH" on their official stationeries and other legal papers.

All Heads of Offices, Chiefs of Medical/Specialty/Special Hospitals and others concerned are directed to lead in the anti-smoking campaigns in their respective areas of assignment. Ample time and appropriate means of communication should be provided for everyone to understand the DOH No Smoking Policy, inclusive of the clients/beneficiaries/patients/visitors in health facilities. Supervisors concerned are also enjoined to design

and provide measures and mechanisms such as imposition of sanctions/appropriate penalties and/or granting of incentives/awards towards the effective implementation of this activity. Copy of such measures shall be submitted to the Office of the Secretary within a period not to exceed sixty (60) days upon receipt of this Order.

This Order takes effect immediately.

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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

No. 42 s. 1999

TO : ALL CONCERNED DOH OFFICIALS/EMPLOYEES

SUBJECT : Prohibition of Smoking within the Department of Health Central Office.

Pursuant to the DOH thrust against the use of cigarettes and other tobacco products, which have been confirmed as a health hazard to smokers and non-smokers alike, smoking shall not be permitted anywhere within the DOH Central Office compound, effective immediately.

Members of the security force, including contractual guards are hereby authorized to strictly enforce this directive. Employees caught in violation shall be reported to the Personnel Division, Administrative Service and be subject to the following penalties:

First Offense	Formal Reprimand
Second Offense	Fine of Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00)
Third Offense	Fine of One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00)

Strict compliance is enjoined.


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