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MEMORANDUM

FOR : ALL DIRECTORS OF CENTERS FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT (CHDs)

FROM : *M. Cabotaje*
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Undersecretary of Health/
Public Health Services Team

SUBJECT : Reiteration of the Participation of Private Schools in the National Deworming Month (NDM)

The National Deworming Month (NDM) is an initiative of the Department of Health (DOH), Department of Education (DepEd), Local Government Units (LGUs) and various partners to improve the delivery and efficiency in the distribution of anti-helminthic drugs. This is a twice a year campaign held every month of January and July done by synchronizing the schedules of Mass Drug Administration (MDA) of deworming drugs for Soil-Transmitted Helminthiasis (STH) in schools and communities. Deworming children in schools has been found to be a good strategy to reduce the burden of STH with a positive impact on children's education and health.

To ensure the delivery of deworming services to all pre-school and school-age children (PSAC and SAC), the Integrated Helminth Control Program (IHCP) of the Disease Prevention and Control Bureau (DPCB) would like to involve private schools in the conduct and implementation of MDA. This is pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2015-0030 wherein it states that SAC enrolled in private schools are encouraged to participate. They can inform the DepEd Regional Office regarding their willingness to participate and in turn, the DepEd Regional Office can refer them to the Centers for Health Development (CHDs).

For your reference and support. Thank you.

cc GERARDO V. BAYUGO, MD, MPH, CESO III
Undersecretary of Health
Field Implementation and Coordination Team

July 18, 2019

To: Schools Division Superintendents
For information and appropriate action.

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July 19, 2019

TO: Schools District Supervisors/PICs
Secondary School Principals/Heads
Private School Administrators

For your information, guidance and dissemination.

By Authority of the Schs. Div. Superintendent:

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