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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

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**FOR: ALL DIRECTORS AND BOTIKA NG BARANGAY (BnB) COORDINATORS
OF CENTERS FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT (CHD)**

SUBJECT: Moratorium on the Establishment of Botika ng Barangay (BnB) Nationwide


As of November 2010, we have a total of sixteen thousand three hundred twenty-nine (16,329) Botika ng Barangays (BnBs) functioning nationwide (as per CHD records). However, the Food and Drug Administration only issued a total of ten thousand three hundred ninety-seven (10,397) Special License To Operate (SLTO) as of January 1st of this year and do not have any pending request as of the moment. This means we have almost six thousand (6,000) BnBs nationwide functioning without SLTO.

To focus on the improvement of pharmacy services of the Botika ng Barangay nationwide, the DOH-NCPAM is currently reviewing the implementation of the program as regards the rationality of their distribution and the range of services that they provide.

In this regard, a moratorium on the establishment of BnBs shall take effect immediately. With this action, we can primarily focus on completing the requirements of our BnBs for the issuance of SLTO, upgrade their services and ensure that BnBs are adequately supervised by pharmacists. The National Center for Pharmaceutical Access and Management (NCPAM) is hereby giving BnBs without SLTO six (6) months to complete their requirements.

For strict compliance.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health:


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