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“Guidelines to Rule XI: Role of DOH in the Omnibus Rules and Regulations Implementing the Migrant Workers and Overseas Filipinos Act of 1995, as Amended by RA 10022”

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OBJECTIVES

General:

To establish and implement a standardized price of health exams for OWAs by June 30, 2014 in compliance with Sec. 16 of R.A. No. 10022.

Specific:

1. To present the results of the survey on the price of health exams for overseas work applicants;
2. To recommend a price for the DOH PEME package based on the data gathered (**HOLD**);
3. To consult stakeholders.



Migrant Workers Act

RA No. 10022

IRR Rule XI Role of DOH

Section 16. (c) Department of Health

(c.1) The fees for the health examinations are regulated, regularly monitored and duly published to ensure that the said fees are reasonable and not exorbitant.

Section 1. Regulation of Medical Clinics.

(a) The fees for the health examinations are regulated , regularly monitored and duly published to ensure that the said fees are reasonable and not exorbitant. ***The DOH shall set a minimum and maximum range of fees for the different examinations to be conducted, based on a thorough and periodic review of the cost of health examinations and after consultation with concerned stakeholders. The applicant-worker shall pay directly to the DOH-accredited medical clinics or health facilities where the PEME is to be conducted.***

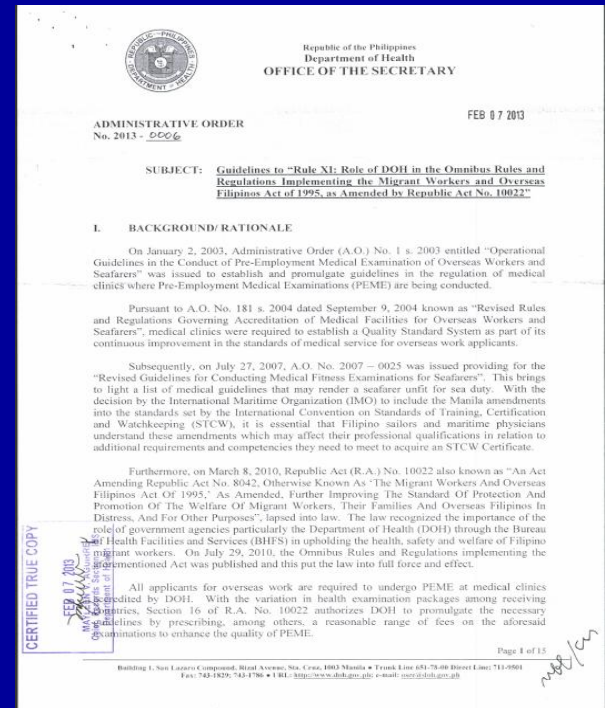
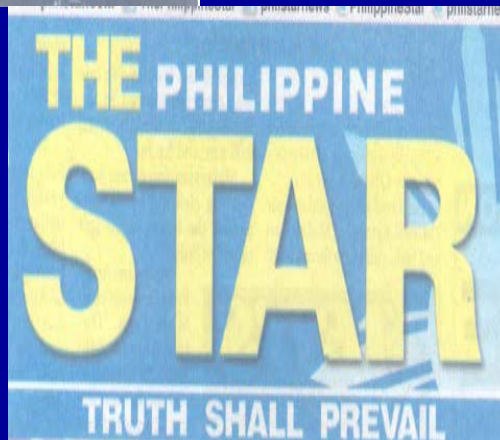


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| HIGHLIGHTS | OLD | NEW |
|---|------------|------------|
| Rationale: New Law R. A. No. 10022 | X | ✓ |
| Definition: Fitness Date, Full Time, Part Time, STCW | X | ✓ |
| General Guidelines: | | |
| a. QSS Certification | ✓ | ✓ |
| b. Set range of fees (minimum – maximum) | X | ✓ |
| c. Decking practice is prohibited | X | ✓ |
| Personnel: Nurse is required. | X | ✓ |
| Physical Facilities: minimum ____ sq. m. | 50 | 200 |
| Establish an electronic uploading system | X | ✓ |
| Basic DOH PEME Package: digital x-ray, serum PT, stool exam for food handlers, psycho for land based | X | ✓ |
| Validity of PEME: | | |
| a. 90 days prior to deployment | ✓ | ✓ |
| b. 2 years for seafarers | X | ✓ |
| Guidelines on Repatriation | X | ✓ |
| DOH Peer Review Committee D.O. No. 185-N s.1996 | ✓ | ✓ |
| Transitory Provision | X | 2014 |



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ANNEXES

| ANNEX | SUBJECT |
|--------------|---|
| A | Planning and Design Guidelines for OFW Clinics |
| B | Reference Floor Plan for OFW Clinics |
| C | DOH PEME Certificate for Land Based Overseas Workers |
| D | DOH PEME Certificate for Seafarers and Integral Notes of MER |
| E | Statistical Report on PEME |
| F | Statistical Report on Selected Laboratory Tests |
| G | Tabulated Psychological Assessment Form (ONGOING REVIEW) |
| H | Cases of Repatriation |
| I | HIV Screening Test Certificate |
| J | DOH Master Logbook |
| K | Basic DOH PEME Package |
| L | ILO/ IMO Guidelines on the Medical Examinations of Seafarers |
| M | Peer Review Committee pursuant to DOH D.O. No. 185-N s. 1996 |



Physical Facilities

Annex-A

Proposed Revision

Building Code, Article 3

(Section 3.3) In compliance the floor to ceiling height of all rooms and areas of the medical facility shall be at least but not limited to 2.4 m (or 8ft)

(Section 3.9) The outlying or external walls housing the audiometry room, psychological testing room, counseling, imaging room, shall be constructed from floor to ceiling for privacy...

The following areas shall be enclosed with walls from floor to ceiling:

- (a) Audiometry
- (b) Psychological testing room
- (c) Clinical laboratory
- (d) Imaging room
- (e) Medical records room
- (f) Toilet facility



Results of the Survey on Prices Charged by OFW Clinics on Health Exams for Overseas Work Applicants

Partial Data as of **April 23, 2014**



Methodology

SURVEY

185 OFW Clinics



92

88 – Manila

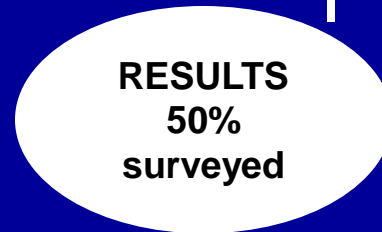
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Instrumentation →

- Observation
- Records Review
- Interview
- Survey Tool

Statistical Method

- Tables / Pie Charts
- Frequency Distribution
- Percentage



FDA Registered
supplies / equipment

Validation

Sept 2013 – Feb 2014, HFSRB

| EXAMINATION | EXISTING MINIMUM | PROPOSED MINIMUM / Price |
|--------------------------------|---|---|
| Color Perception | Ishihara 24-Plates | Ishihara 24-Plates |
| Audiometry | Pure Tone (Air Conduction) | Pure Tone (Air Conduction) |
| Chest X-Ray | Digital | Digital |
| ECG | Routine 12-Lead | Routine 12-Lead |
| Blood Typing | Routine | ABO and Rh Typing: Tube Method, direct and reverse |
| CBC | Automated with 3-Part Differential Count | Automated with 3-Part Differential Count |
| Syphilis Test | RPR and/or TPHA | RPR and/or TPHA / TPPA |
| Pregnancy Test | Serum | Serum |
| Urinalysis | Urine strip reader with 10- parameter urine strips | Automated and/or Semi-Automated and/or Manual |
| Stool Exam | FECT | FECT and/or equivalent |
| Psychological Tests | 16 PF | 14,500 (5th Edition complete set) |
| | BPI | 11,800.00 (complete set) |
| | RSPM | 16,248.50 (complete set) |
| | PNLT | 869.00 (complete set) |
| | BGVMT | c/o authorized dealer |

Additional Laboratory and Diagnostic Procedures Subject to Physician's Recommendations and/or Company Set Policies / Principal's Requirements

| EXAMINATION | METHOD | PROPOSED METHOD |
|---------------------------|--|---|
| FBS | Automated and/or Semi-Automated | Automated and/or Semi-Automated |
| Cholesterol | | |
| Triglycerides | | |
| Creatinine | | |
| BUN | | |
| BUA | | |
| HbA1C? | HPLC | HPLC |
| HIV | ELISA Confirm reactive screening tests at SACCL | EQUIPMENT-BASED ELISA Confirm reactive screening tests to HIV at SACCL |
| Hepatitis B | | |
| Hepatitis C | | |
| Hepatitis Profile? | ? | ? |
| Ultrasound | ? | ? |
| Cardiostress Test | ? | ? |
| PFT | ? | ? |

| DENTAL EXAMINATION | EQUIPMENT / SUPPLIES | Service Capability |
|--|---|---------------------------|
| ORAL EXAMINATION (OE) | Dental Chair Polybib Saliva Ejector Hand instruments, cotton rolls Compressor Face mask / Face Shield / Gloves (PPE) Autoclave | Routine check-up |
| PREVENTIVE ORAL PROPHYLAXIS | Ultrasonic Scaler Low speed handpiece Prophy paste or pumice Prophy Brush | ? |
| FLOURIDE TREATMENT | Flouride Varnish / Paste / Gel | |
| RESTORATIVE | High speed handpiece with burs Nanohybrid Composite Filling Material Acid Etchant / Bonding Agent Applicator Brush Light Cure Machine Polishing Discs Glass Ionomer Base / Temporary Filling Anesthesia Long / short needles | ? |



RECOMMENDATIONS

SDD Survey Team

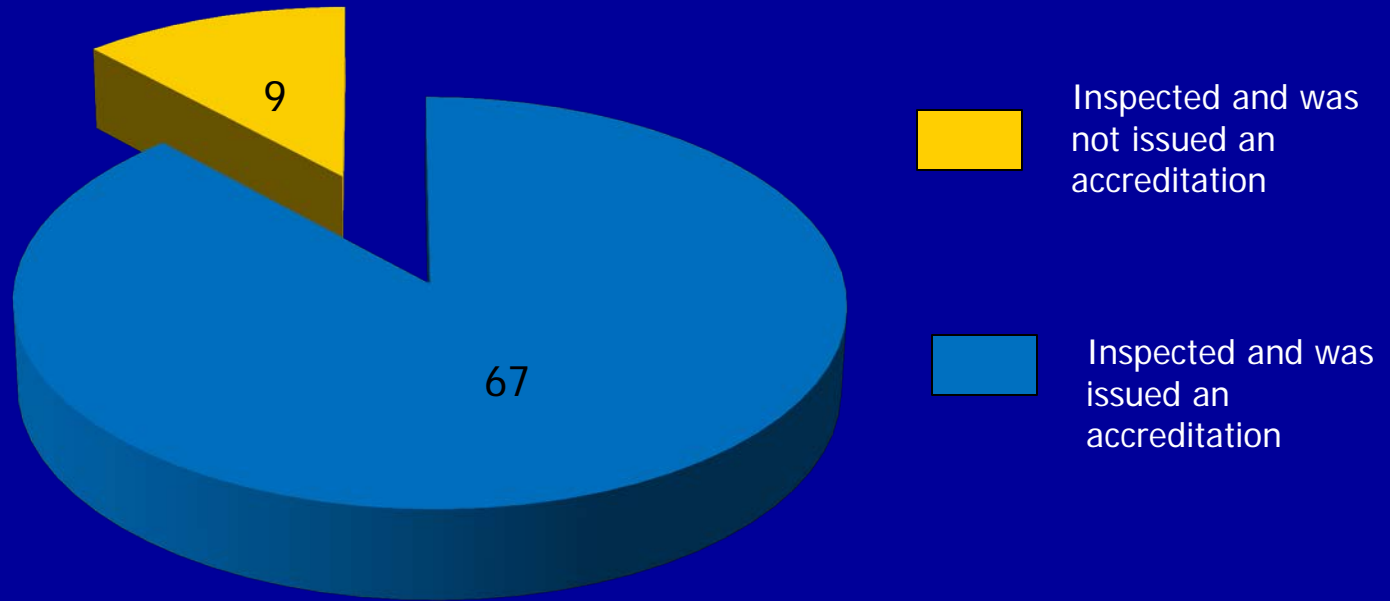
- **Get cost from suppliers** (ongoing review)
- **Fill out survey questionnaires properly and submit before May 1, 2014.**
- **Standardize price before June 30, 2014.**



Findings on **Licensing/ Accreditation** of Medical Clinics for Overseas Work Applicants

Partial Data as of **December, 2013**

**Fig. 1. Number of OFW Clinics
Inspected, Year 2013
n=76**





FINDINGS “LICENSING”

| SERVICE CAPABILITY | PERSONNEL |
|---|--|
| Absence of documented policies / procedures on proper disposal of wastes and hazardous substances | Contract of employment not notarized, Physician’s license not updated, PTR not updated |
| Absence of flow chart of activities | Absence of specialty board certificates of affiliate consultants |
| | Absence of medical certificate and drug test report of DTL personnel |

| PHYSICAL FACILITIES | EQUIPMENT/ INSTRUMENT/ SUPPLIES |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Inadequate space | Absence of non-mercurial thermometer |
| | Absence of FECT for stool exam |
| Inadequate handwashing facilities | Absence of ELISA Machine |



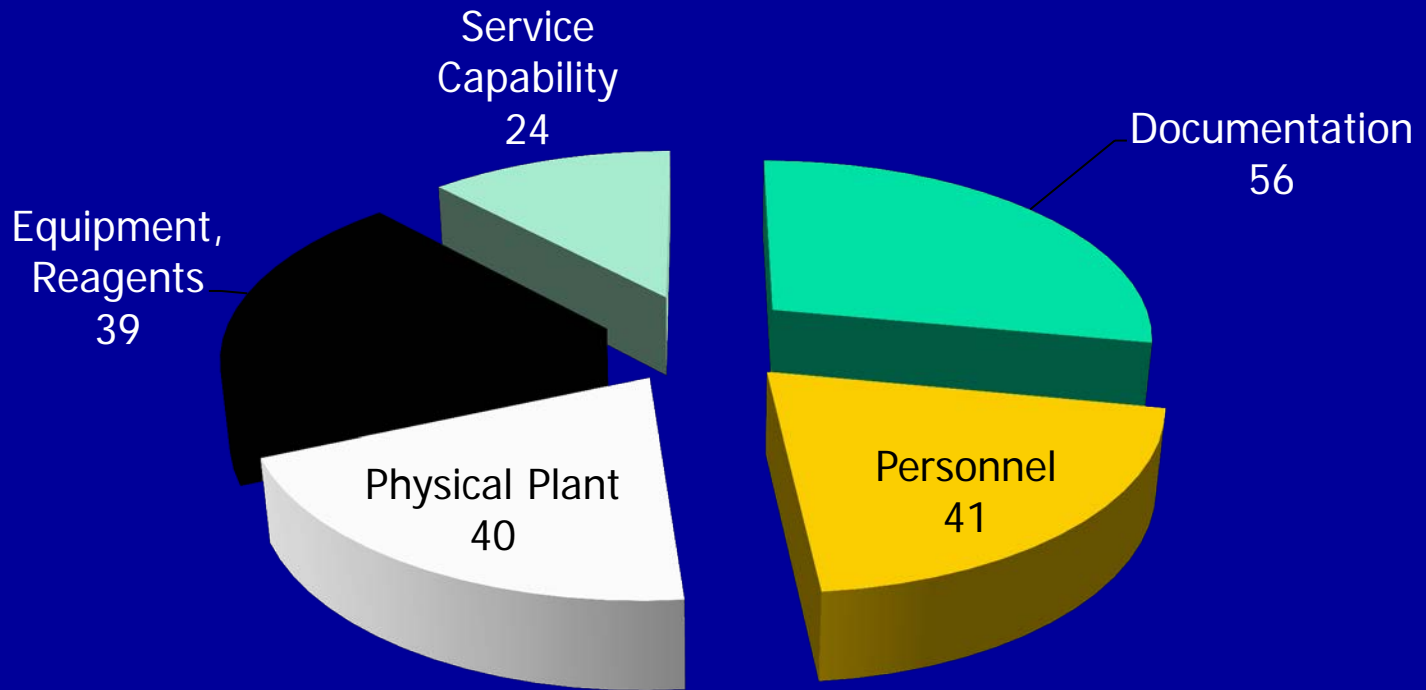
Findings on **Monitoring** of Medical Clinics for Overseas Work Applicants

Partial Data as of **December 2013**

Monitoring Findings in Medical Clinics for Overseas Filipino Workers & Seafarers

CY=2013

n=108



*VIOLATIONS OF OFW CLINICS CY 2013
(total number of clinics – 108)*

DOCUMENTATION

No updated certificate of participation in EQAP

*No schedule of equipment maintenance and calibration
of laboratory equipment*

Expired MOA and / referral laboratory

No HIV result logbook

Master logbook not updated

No inventory of reagents (Clinical Laboratory)

VIOLATIONS OF OFW CLINICS CY 2013 total number of clinics – 108)

PHYSICAL PLANT

Inadequate space:

Clinical laboratory

Psychological testing

X-ray room

*No proper waste segregation (color-coded)
waste management program*

Optical room not functional

Dental room not functional

No designated area for HIV testing

*VIOLATIONS OF OFW CLINICS CY 2013
(total number of clinics – 108)*

PERSONNEL

No updated PRC ID of professional; no specialty board certificate

*No affiliated specialist (Infectious Disease, Endocrinologist,
GI, etc)*

No fulltime RMT

Expired certificate of proficiency of HIV Trained RMT

No Dentist

No X-ray Tech

No HIV trained RMT

VIOLATIONS OF OFW CLINICS CY 2013

(total number of clinics – 108)

EQUIPMENT, REAGENTS, ETC.

No available reagents

Hematology and chemistry analyzer are out of order

No cell control for hematology analyzer

Automated machine for hematology has no control cell use

No film badge

Microscope not functional

Audiometer out of order

VIOLATIONS OF OFW CLINICS CY 2013

(total number of clinics – 108)

SERVICE CAPABILITY

Stool examination not done

Urine test not done

Blood chemistry services sent out

No services of hematology

*No. of test done in HIV is more than the stocks (purchased kits)
based on delivery receipt*

*Hemoglobin results obtained are not done according
to the actual procedure of hemoglobin determination*



Post Fees

- Fees on health exams shall be posted in conspicuous areas in all clinics.
- The cost of the basic DOH PEME package shall be displayed at the reception area using a tarpaulin of not less than 2 ft x 3 ft in dimension and legible at a distance of 20 ft.



Unethical

Giving and receiving any commission, bonus, kickback or rebate or engaging in any split-fee arrangement in any form whatsoever, with any facility, physician, organization, agency or person, either directly or indirectly for patients referred to a clinical lab licensed by the DOH.

A.O. No. 2007-0027 Section IX. (I)



ACTION PLAN 2014

To standardize the price of health exams for OWAs by June 30, 2014.
 To establish and maintain an Integrated-MIS by June 30, 2014.

| STRATEGY / INTERVENTION | Key Performance Indicator (KPI) | PERSON RESPONSIBLE | TIME FRAME | Cost / Resources |
|---|--|--|----------------|--------------------|
| 1. Standardize the price of health exams for overseas work applicants | Approved schedule of fees | SDD, HFSRB with active participation of stakeholders | June 30, 2014 | 0.5 M c/o HFSRB |
| a. Prepare report based on results of survey | Approved report | HFSRB – SDD | April 23, 2014 | |
| b. Consult stakeholders | Attendance, minutes of meeting | HFSRB – SDD | April 23, 2014 | |
| c. Implement the new schedule of fees | Findings on inspection / monitoring | HFSRB, clinic owners | July 1, 2014 | |
| d. Monitor and evaluate | Evaluation report | HFSRB – SDD | Jan 2015 | |
| 2. Establish and maintain an Integrated-MIS | Certificate of Acceptance of the Integrated-MIS Manual | HFSRB, contractor, clinic owners | June 30, 2014 | NONE |



BHFS Website

bhfs.doh.gov.ph



Licensing / Accreditation Requirements
and Issuances



Medical Facilities for Overseas Workers
and Seafarers



Recommendations / Suggestions / Comments

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Thank you.