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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
No. 2015-88

T O : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY MAYORS, MUNICIPAL MAYORS, ARMM REGIONAL GOVERNOR, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : 13TH NEWBORN SCREENING CONVENTION ON OCTOBER 6-7, 2015 AT FIESTA PAVILION, MANILA HOTEL


In support to the implementation of Republic Act No. 9288 (Newborn Screening Act of 2004), the National Screening Society of the Philippines, Inc. (NSSPI) is one with the Department of Health, in ensuring that every newborn has access to newborn screening and thus, have the opportunity to be spared from the consequences, the most important of which are mental retardation and death.

Part of the advocacy activity of the NSSPI is the holding this year's 13th Annual Newborn Screening Convention, with the theme *"Enhancing Newborn Care, Nurturing Minds, Brightening the Future and Saving More Lives,"* which will be held on October 6 to 7, 2015, at the Manila Hotel, City of Manila.

In this connection, all Local Chief Executives are encouraged to send a representative from the Local Health Offices (i.e., pediatricians, physicians, nurses, midwives, medical technologists, newborn screening hospital coordinators) to attend the said convention. The payment of registration fee and other incidental expenses may be authorized, chargeable against local funds, subject to the availability of funds and to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations. For further inquiries, the Newborn Screening Reference Center can be reached at: National Institute of Health, University of the Philippines Manila, Unit 104, Bldg. A, UP-Ayala Land Technohub, Diliman, Quezon City, or call/fax to: (02) 351-7903 or 522-4396, or email address: newbornscreeningconvention@gmail.com.

All DILG Regional Directors and the ARMM Regional Governor are hereby directed to cause the widest dissemination of this Memorandum Circular to LGUs within their respective jurisdictions.

For information and guidance of all concerned.


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