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IMPLEMENTATION OF PLANS, PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS

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1. Background

The Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health and development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the under privileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women and children. The State shall endeavor to provide medical care to paupers (Philippine Constitution of 1987 Article XIII, Sec 11). It further provides that the family has the duty to care for its elderly member but the state may also do so through just programs of social security (Philippine Constitution of 1987 Article XVI, Sec 4).

In support to the Philippine Constitution, Republic Act 9994 entitled "An Act Granting Additional Benefits and Privileges to Senior Citizens, Further Amending Republic Act No. 7432, as Amended, Otherwise Known as "An Act to Maximize the Contribution of Senior Citizens to Nation Building, Grant Benefits and Special Privileges and for other Purposes" is also enacted.

2. Purpose

This Memorandum Circular is issued to encourage all local government units to intensify its implementation of programs and projects for senior citizens to improve their living conditions to allow them to continue to enjoy productive and comfortable lives within the society.

3. Scope/Coverage

All Provincial Governors, City/Municipal Mayors, Punong Barangays, DILG Regional Directors, BARMM Minister and all others concerned.

4. Policy Content and Guidelines

To ensure the welfare of the senior citizens in the country, and in consonance with the above mentioned laws, all government agencies including local government units are enjoined to formulate and implement plans and programs for senior citizens. The Office of the Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) is reminded to adhere to their functions and ensure implementation of programs and projects for senior citizens (Pertinent Provisions of RA 9257 and its IRR).

All DILG Regional Directors are hereby directed to cause the widest dissemination of this Circular and extend the necessary assistance. Further, all DILG Regional Offices are hereby requested to submit the OSCA accomplishment report for CY 2018 to the Bureau of Local Government Development, Department of the Interior and Local Government (BLGD, DILG) for review and reference in the effectiveness /efficiency and for further improvement of the previously issued policies.

5. References:

- 5.1. 1987 Philippine Constitution
- 5.2. Republic Act 9257 An Act Granting Additional Benefits And Privileges To Senior Citizens Amending For The Purpose Republic Act No. 7432, Otherwise Known As "An Act To Maximize The Contribution Of Senior Citizens To Nation Building, Grant Benefits And Special Privileges And For Other Purposes"

6. Approving Authority


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7. Feedback

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