



2020 Observance of the Family Planning Month

Memorandum Circular No. 2020-109

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1. Background

- 1.1 The month of August is observed as Family Planning (FP) Month to create awareness and benefits of the FP in the attainment of a better quality of life.
- 1.2 The COVID-19 pandemic has a huge implication in the reproductive behaviors of the individuals; thus it is important to ensure that FP services, along with other essential and reproductive health services, are available and accessible by the public. These health services need to continue both in the community and in health facilities in parallel with the activation of an emergency response plan.
- 1.3 In response to this and fully commemorate this event, the month of August is observed as Family Planning Month pursuant to DOH Department Memorandum No. 2020-0315.

2. Purpose

This Memorandum Circular is issued to enjoin all Local Government Units (LGUs) to observe this event and conduct appropriate activities relative to the celebration.

3. Scope/Coverage

All Provincial Governors, BARMM Chief Minister, City / Municipal Mayors, Punong Barangays, DILG Regional Directors, BARMM Minister of Local Government, Field Officers and all others concerned.

4. Policy Content and Guidelines

- 4.1 On 6 July 2020, the Department of Health declared the month of August as the “**2020 Family Planning Month**” with the theme “**Stay safe and healthy, mag FP.**” This initiative is align with the


continuous provision of essential health services during the COVID-19 pandemic as per DC No. 2020-0167 and DM No. 2020-0222.

- 4.2 To give prominence to the celebration, all Local Government Units (LGUs) are enjoined to hang streamers in conspicuous places/spot in their offices/edifices to promote the said celebration. Template of the Streamer is downloadable at <https://bit.ly/39LO6U6>.
- 4.3 LGUs are also enjoined to support the celebration by conducting fitting activities, mindful of the themes and their contribution to the objectives of the celebration. Below are some of the suggested activities to wit:
 - 4.3.1 FP month celebration through online meetings/webinars;
 - 4.3.2 FP promotion activities such as sending mobile messages to clients for resupply, include condoms in emergency food pack;
 - 4.3.3 Demand generation and FP service provision on all health facilities; and
 - 4.3.4 Ensure observance of minimum health standards i.e. use of face masks/face shields and practice social/physical distancing while doing the said activities.
- 4.4 All DILG Regional Directors are hereby directed to cause the immediate and widest dissemination of this Memorandum Circular to all LGUs within their respective regional assignments.

5. References

- 5.1 Letter from the National Implementing Team for Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health (RPRH) Law secretariat.
- 5.2 Department of Health Department Order No. 2020-0315.

6. Approving Authority



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7. Feedback

For related inquiries, all concerned may directly contact the email of the National Implementing Team (NIT) for RPRH secretariat at dpcb.wmhdd@gmail.com.

