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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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**TO: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisor, Curriculum Implementation Division
Chief Education Supervisor, Schools Governance and Operations Division
Public Schools District Supervisors
Education Program Supervisors
All Others Concerned**

POLICY ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCHOOL DENTAL HEALTH CARE PROGRAM OF OPLAN KALUSUGAN SA DEPED

1. The Department of Education (DepEd), Division of Davao Del Norte, shall implement the enclosed policies of the School Dental Health Care Program (SDHCP) of Oplan Kalusugan sa DepEd, to guarantee the good oral health of the school populace through an established all-inclusive approach in the prevention and treatment of oral ailments.
2. The SDHCP provides for the dental and medical emergency treatment for learners, teaching, and non-teaching personnel by establishing fully functional clinics that will also serve as a hub for nearby schools.
3. DepEd Order No. 028, s. 2018 titled Policy and Guidelines on the Oplan Kalusugan sa Department of Education (OK sa DepEd) shall be used as reference in the implementation of the SDHCP as a component of the medical, dental and nursing services of the six flagship programs.
4. Attached is a copy of Policy on the Implementation of School Dental Health Care Program of Oplan Kalusugan sa DepED.
5. All activities in this policy that require the physical presence of learners in school premises are subject to the covid-19 health protocol, and the Local IATF guidelines.
6. In the implementation of this policy, the Equal Opportunity Principle shall be at all times observed.
7. This policy shall take effect immediately.
8. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this is directed.


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Schools Division Superintendent



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Rationale:

Oral diseases pose a major burden to school-children affecting all throughout their lifetime, causing pain, discomfort, and even death.

School dentists are reporting dental caries and gingivitis on the top of common ailments in schools. Pain and infection will lead contribute to the high absences prevalence rate each year.

To address this, the Department of Education provided a basic preventive and curative health services among the learners and personnel through the implementation of School Dental Health Care Program (SDHCP), in line with the Basic Education – Learning Continuity Plan (BE-CP).

The SDHCP shall provide basic preventive and curative oral health to learners in the public schools and DepEd personnel such as but not limited to the following provisions:

1. Priority are the Schools validated with School Safety Assessment Tool (SSAT) and approved for F2F.
2. PSDS or School Principal must secure a Local IATF approval to avail Dental Services.
 - 2.a - No Local IATF approval, no dental services will be rendered to learners.
 - 2.b - Learners in a home-based modality, may report to school solely for availing health services. (OUA MEMO 00-0322-2020)
 - 2.c- Consent of learners' parent must be secured. (OUA MEMO 00-0322-0020)
3. Identification of the Beneficiary/ies
 - 3.a – District Nurse will identify the schools, upon the approval of PSDS and request of School Principal
 - 3.b – Target beneficiaries will be from Kinder-Grade 12
 - 3.c – Secure Health Service Consent
4. Schedule
 - 4.a – twenty (20) learners per day.
 - 4.b – must be treated without compromising school hours.

