

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 851, December 02, 1982]

REORGANIZING THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, INTEGRATING THE COMPONENTS OF HEALTH CARE DELIVERY INTO ITS FIELD OPERATIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, under the New Republic, national development shall be pursued with renewed dedication and greater determination through a more efficient, effective, and economical government;

WHEREAS, the integration of the promotive, preventive, curative and rehabilitative components of health care delivery must be fully accomplished to ensure adequate health services for the entire population;

WHEREAS, there is need to reorganize the Ministry of Health in order to accomplish this integration; and

WHEREAS, under Presidential Decree No. 1416 as amended, the President is empowered to undertake such organizational and related improvements as may be appropriate in the light of changing circumstances and new developments;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the authority vested in me by Presidential Decree No. 1416 as amended, do hereby order and ordain:

SECTION 1. The Ministry of Health, hereinafter referred to as the Ministry, shall be the ministry having primary responsibility for the formulation, planning, implementation and coordination of policies and programs in the field of health. The primary function of the Ministry is the promotion, protection and preservation of the health of the people, through efficient, effective, encompassing, equitable and adequate health services.

The functions, authority and responsibilities of the Ministry shall be within the context of and subject to the constitutional mandate on the formulation of national guidelines and the control of the ministries by the President, the supervision of the ministries by the Prime Minister, and the responsibility to the Batasang Pambansa of the Prime Minister and the Cabinet for the general program of government.

A. ORGANIZATION OF THE MINISTRY

SECTION 2. The authority and responsibility for the exercise of the powers and the discharge of the functions of the Ministry shall be vested in the Minister of Health, hereinafter referred to as the Minister. He shall be assisted by such Deputy Ministers as may be appointed by the President. The Minister is authorized to determine and assign the respective functional areas of responsibility of the Deputy Ministers,

should there be more than one: Provided, That such delineation of responsibilities shall cover the substantive functions and operations of the Ministry; and Provided further, That there shall be no Deputy Minister for Administration and that the assignment of administrative responsibilities to any Deputy Minister shall be in addition to his substantive responsibilities.

The Ministry shall be composed of the Ministry proper, staff and line bureaus, special projects, medical centers and special hospitals, and regional offices and their component units.

SECTION 3. There is hereby created a Health Education and Manpower Development Service which shall assume the functions of the Office of Health Education and Personnel Training and those of the Medical Manpower Development Committee, both of which are hereby abolished. The new service shall also be responsible for providing the necessary staff support in the implementation of the Rural Health Practice Program. It shall absorb applicable functions, appropriations, records, equipment, property, and such personnel as may be necessary of the abolished units.

SECTION 4. There is hereby created a Bureau of Food and Drugs which shall assume the functions of the Food and Drug Administration which is hereby abolished. The functions to be assumed by the Bureau shall not include those previous functions of the Narcotic Drugs Division of the Food and Drug Administration which have already been assumed by the Dangerous Drugs Board pursuant to Batas Pambansa Blg. 179.

In addition to those functions transferred from the Food and Drug Administration, the Bureau shall have the authority to prescribe general standards and guidelines with respect to the veracity of nutritional and medicinal claims in the advertisement of food, drugs and cosmetics in the various media, to monitor such advertisements, and to call upon any erring manufacturer, distributor, or advertiser to desist from such inaccurate or misleading nutritional or medicinal claims in their advertising. Should such manufacturer, distributor or advertiser refuse or fail to obey the desistance order issued by the Bureau, he shall be subject to the applicable penalties as may be prescribed by law and regulations.

SECTION 5. The Bureau of Quarantine shall continue to perform its present functions, including supervision over rat-proof zones in designated international ports and airports, and over medical examination of aliens for immigration purposes.

The function of the Ministry regarding supervision over the sanitation of interisland vessels may be exercised by the Ministry through such of its field offices or the Bureau of Quarantine as it may indicate.

SECTION 6. The staff bureaus and special projects enumerated under Section 8 hereunder may, operating through the Minister, directly exercise line functions in the National Capital Region; Provided, that written delegation of authority has been obtained from the Minister; Provided, further, that such an arrangement will be permissible only for as long as the regional office of the Ministry for the National Capital Region has not been established.

SECTION 7. The Ministry proper shall be composed of the following units:

- (1) Office of the Minister
- (2) Planning Service
- (3) Financial and Management Service
- (4) Administrative Service
- (5) Disease Intelligence Center, which is hereby renamed Health Intelligence Service
- (6) Health Education and Manpower Development Service

SECTION 8. The Minister shall exercise supervision and control over the following staff bureaus and special projects:

- (1) Bureau of Dental Health Services
- (2) Bureau of Foods and Drugs
- (3) Bureau of Health Services
- (4) Bureau of Medical Services
- (5) Bureau of Research and Laboratories
- (6) Dermatology Research and Training Project, which is hereby renamed Dermatology Research and Training Service
- (7) National Family Planning Office, which is hereby renamed Family Planning Service
- (8) Malaria Eradication Service
- (9) National Cancer Control Center, which is hereby renamed Cancer Control Center
- (10) National Nutrition Service, which is hereby renamed Nutrition Service
- (11) Radiation Health Office, which is hereby renamed Radiological Health Service
- (12) Schistosomiasis Control and Research Service

SECTION 9. The Minister shall exercise supervision and control over the following line bureau:

- (1) Bureau of Quarantine

SECTION 10. The Minister shall exercise supervision and control over the following medical centers, hospitals, and research institutes:

- (1) Jose R. Reyes Memorial Hospital, which is hereby renamed Jose R. Reyes Memorial Medical Center
- (2) Rizal Medical Center
- (3) Ospital ng Bagong Lipunan
- (4) Jose Fabella Memorial Hospital
- (5) National Children's Hospital
- (6) National Mental Hospital
- (7) National Orthopedic Hospital
- (8) Quirino Memorial General Hospital
- (9) San Lazaro Hospital
- (10) Research Institute for Tropical Medicine

Medical centers and regional hospitals which are not listed above and which are located outside of Metro Manila shall be under the supervision and control of the appropriate Regional Health Office.

SECTION 11. The Minister shall exercise administrative supervision over the following entities: