

**[ DOH ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2005-0013,  
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**REVISED ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EIGHT (8)  
SANITARIA HOSPITALS**

**I**

**Background/Rationale**

With the unprecedented drop of the prevalence rate of leprosy from 2.4 leprosy cases per 10,000 population in 1992 to 0.57 leprosy cases per 10,000 population in 2000, the sanitarium, as an integral component of the Department of Health (DOH) hospital systems, need to readjust its targets and priorities. The aforementioned success, among others, is largely attributed to the application of Multi Drug Therapy (MDT).

Since 1994, all Sanitaria have been providing general service care not only to emergency cases and out-patient treatment but also in-patient care of the general public in their respective catchment areas. Even with decreasing admission of leprosy cases, this dual role of providing both general service care and custodial care has put a drain in its limited resources both financial and human.

Because of this, the DOH underwent series of succession plans and proposed the Sanitaria Conversion Plan as part of the DOH Hospital Upgrading Plan. Relative to this, the DOH Central Office consulted the various Centers for Health Development (CHD) Directors, Chiefs of Hospitals and Medical Centers of affected areas. Therefore, cognizant to this, Department Order No. 72, s. 1994 is hereby amended to expand their legal mandates.

**II**

**General Objective**

To expand the legal mandate of the eight (8) Sanitaria nationwide

**III**

**Scope/Coverage**

This Administrative Order shall cover all the eight (8) Sanitaria under the Department of Health

**IV**

**Definition of Terms**

Sanitarium - is an institution established to make available hospital services specifically for Hansenites

Multi-Drug Therapy (MDT) - this is the established treatment for cases of leprosy