

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 170, December 13, 1994]

AUTHORIZING THE SUBSIDIZATION OF CERTAIN LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SALARY INCREASES OF DEVOLVED HEALTH WORKERS MANDATED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6758 (THE SALARY STANDARDIZATION LAW) AS IMPLEMENTED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 164, AS AMENDED, AND UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7305 (THE MAGNA CARTA FOR PUBLIC HEALTH WORKERS)

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7305 otherwise known as the Magna Carta for Public Health Workers stipulates that the salary scales of public health workers whose salaries are appropriated by local government units shall not be less than those provided for public health workers of the National Government;

WHEREAS, the same Republic Act No. 7305 mandates that the amount necessary to pay the difference between the salary rates received by nationally-paid and locally-paid health workers of equivalent positions shall be subsidized by the National Government;

WHEREAS, the said Republic Act No. 7305 furthermore entrusts to the Secretary of Health the responsibility for estimating and programming the budgetary requirement for the implementation of said Act in consultation with the Secretary of Budget and Management and the Congressional Commission on Health;

WHEREAS, salary increases for public officials and employees have been authorized under the Revised Compensation and Position Classification System adopted by virtue of Joint Senate and House Resolution No. 01, series of 1994, and enforced through Executive Order No. 164, as amended;

WHEREAS, the amount appropriated under the 1994 General Appropriations Act for the implementation of the magna carta benefits for the devolved public health workers cannot cover the salary increases authorized under said Revised Compensation and Position Classification System;

WHEREAS, the efficient and effective discharge of the health functions and responsibilities devolved to local government units depends greatly on the morale and social and economic well-being of the locally-paid health workers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the power vested in me by law, upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Oversight Committee constituted under Section 533 of Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code, do hereby order and direct:

SECTION 1. The sum of FIFTY MILLION PESOS (P50,000,000.00) shall be released to the Department of Health against whatever available funds under the 1994