



Republic of the Philippines
Supreme Court
Office of the Court Administrator
Manila

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TO: All Judges of Special Drug Courts and Other Judges of the Regional Trial Courts

SUBJECT: Duties and Responsibilities of the Department of Health Under Section 76, R.A. 9176 otherwise known as "The Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002"

Under R.A. 9165, otherwise known as "The Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002", the conduct of drug dependency examination originally reposed to the Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB) under R.A. 6425 has been transferred to the Department of Health (DOH). Section 76, thereof provides:

"SECTION 76. Duties and Responsibilities of the Department of Health (DOH) under this Act. – The Department of Health shall:

"1. Oversee and monitor the integration, coordination and supervision of all drug rehabilitation, intervention, after-care and follow-up programs, projects and activities as well as the establishment, operations, maintenance and management of privately-owned drug treatment rehabilitation centers and drug testing networks and laboratories throughout the country in coordination with DSWD and other agencies.

"2. License, accredit, establish and maintain drug test network and laboratory, initiate, conduct and support scientific research on drugs and drug control;

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"5 Charge reasonable fees for drug dependency examination, other medical and legal services provided to the public."

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Henceforth, all referrals for drug dependency examination should be addressed to Undersecretary JADE F. DEL MUNDO, Office of Special Concerns, Department of Health, Santa Cruz, Manila.

Strict compliance is hereby enjoined.

July 31, 2006.


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