



Republic of the Philippines

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

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**December 7, 2010**

**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR  
NO. 2010 - 140**

**TO : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY MAYORS, MUNICIPAL  
MAYORS, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND OTHERS  
CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT : MERCURY REDUCTION PROGRAM FOR HEALTHCARE  
FACILITIES**

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Department of Health (DOH) Administrative Order No. 2008-0021 dated April 28, 2008 provided for the Gradual Phase-Out of Mercury in all Philippine Health Care Facilities and Institutions.

The said Administrative Order sought to stop the procurement of mercury-containing fever thermometers and blood pressures apparatuses by healthcare administrators and to shift to the use of digital thermometers and aneroid and/or digital blood pressure apparatuses, to reduce the threat of mercury to human health and the environment.

In this connection, and upon the request of Secretary Enrique T. Ona, DOH, all local chief executives are hereby enjoined to ensure compliance to the said Administrative Order.

For other details, inquiries may be directed to Dr. Loy V. Teoxon, National Center for Health Facility Development, DOH, through Telephone Nos. (02)-7428087 and 74208090.

All DILG Regional Directors are hereby directed to cause the widest dissemination of this issuance to all local authorities within their jurisdictions.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

  
**JESSE M. ROBREDO**  
Secretary



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