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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Office of the Secretary



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- FOR: ALL UNDERSECRETARIES, ASSISTANT SECRETARIES; DIRECTORS OF BUREAUS, DOH-CENTERS FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT, SERVICES AND SPECIALTY HOSPITALS, CHIEFS OF DOH-HOSPITALS, MEDICAL CENTERS AND INSTITUTES, DIRECTORS OF TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION CENTERS, AND OTHERS CONCERNED**
- SUBJECT: 22nd Newborn Screening Convention of the Newborn Screening Society of the Philippines Inc. on October 7-8, 2024**

The Newborn Screening Society of the Philippines Inc. will be holding its 22nd Newborn Screening Convention entitled “S.T.R.O.N.G. NBS: Strengthening The Resources and Outcomes for the New Generation” on October 7-8, 2024 at the Manila Hotel.

In accordance with the Department Order No. 2007-0053, attendance to this activity of concerned **DOH Personnel** shall be on:

- A. Official Business**
- (1) When the DOH employee is a presenter/discussant, facilitator, moderator, or panelist. As such, the registration/enrolment fees, per diems, and traveling and other incidental expenses, shall be borne by the sending office;
 - (2) When attendance/participation to the activity is related to performance of job functions or related to the practice of his/her profession, or the Learning and Development Intervention (LDI) is identified in the employee’s Learning and Development Plan (LDP) and
 - (3) **Subject to the office’s availability of funds.**
- B. Official Time** when the DOH employee (whether presenter/discussant, facilitator, moderator, panelist, or participant) is duly funded through sponsorships by development partners or local partners in health. For participants, the activity should be relevant to the performance of job functions or related to the practice of his/her profession, and the LDI is identified in the employee’s LDP.

Additionally, attendees must be authorized by their respective Directors or office heads, through an appropriate Personnel Order.

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All other transactions shall be in accordance with the following issuances:

- (1) Administrative Order (AO) No. 2021-0007, entitled “Guidelines on the Integrated Learning and Development Management System of the Department of Health (DOH)”; and
- (2) Department Order (DO) No. 2014-0094, entitled “Guidelines on the Allowable Rates of Payment for Human Resource Development Activities.”

Attached is the invitation letter for your ready reference.

Dissemination of the information to all concerned is requested.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health:



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24 July 2024

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Secretary
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PRESIDENT

Rizalina Racquel H. Gonzalez, MD

Dear **Secretary Herbosa**:

VICE PRESIDENT

Sylvia Estrada, MD

The Newborn Screening Society of the Philippines Incorporated (NSSPI) will once again hold the Annual Newborn Screening Convention. The 22nd Newborn Screening Convention, entitled "**S.T.R.O.N.G. NBS: Strengthening The Resources and Outcomes for the Next Generation**" which be held at the **Manila Hotel** on **October 7-8, 2024**.

SECRETARY

J Edgar Winston Posecion, MD

The convention is expected to bring together newborn screening experts, practitioners, other health workers, hospital administrators, and policymakers from all over the country. We expect around (1000) in-person attendees from various newborn screening facilities and other program implementers nationwide.

TREASURER

Maria Melanie Liberty Alcausin, MD

Considering that the DOH is the lead agency in the implementation of the newborn screening program, **may we invite all DOH officials and personnel throughout the country to participate in this convention.** Their attendance will emphasize and reiterate the support of the Department for the newborn screening program. May we also request that **the appropriate Department Circular be issued so that they can attend the convention on official business.**

FOUNDING PRESIDENT

Carmencita D. Padilla, MD

Once again, we are deeply grateful for your institution's initiative in implementing this laudable program.

Thank you very much.

Respectfully yours,

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