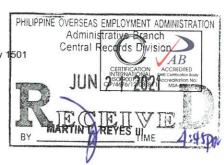


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## ADVISORY No. 79 Series of 2021

Increase in the Deployment Ceiling of Newly-Hired MCS-Healthcare Workers (HCWs)

Further to POEA Governing Board Resolution No. 17, Series of 2020, placing a 5,000 deployment ceiling for newly hired healthcare workers identified as Mission Critical Skills (MCS), the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) issued IATF Resolution No. 122, Series of 2021 on 17 June 2021.

In view of the issuance of above IATF Resolution, the public is advised of the following:

- 1. The annual deployment ceiling of new hire healthcare workers (HCWs) for occupations identified by the Department of Labor and Employment as Mission Critical Skills (MCS) shall be increased to six thousand five hundred (6,500).
- 2. Those HCWs falling under MCS with perfected contracts as of 31 May 2021, shall form part of this adjusted ceiling.
- HCWs under government-to-government labor agreements shall be allowed deployment and are exempted from the adjusted ceiling.
- 4. Returning/Balik-Manggagawa HCWs already exempt as per existing issuances shall remain exempt from the moratorium.

The HCW deployment ceiling during the state of national emergency brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic shall be applied consistent with non-deployment of OFWs in non-compliant countries under Republic Act 10022 and in accordance with existing entry restrictions of Filipino nationals in countries of destination.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

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