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Department of Education

REGION IV- A CALABARZON
CITY SCHOOLS DIVISION OF THE CITY OF TAYABAS

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM No. 505 s. 2025

LEARNERS' HEALTH ASSESSMENT AND SCREENING (LHAS) FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Heads, Public Elementary and Secondary Schools
Heads, Unit/Section
All Others Concerned

- 1. Pursuant to the **Department of Education's (DepEd) 5-Point Reform Agenda**, which prioritizes the protection of learners' physical and mental well-being, DepEd ensures that learners have access to quality medical, dental, nursing, nutrition, and mental health services that will allow them to attain their full educational potential.
- 2. Learners' Health Assessment and Screening (LHAS) is an integral component of these services, delivered and/or coordinated by School Health and Nutrition (SHN) Personnel as part of the implementation of *Oplan Kalusugan sa DepEd* (OK sa DepEd).
- 3. Participants in this activity are the School Heads/Principals, Guidance Designate and Project Development Officer I.
- 4. The Department recently released several issuances concerning LHAS, namely:
 - a. **DepEd Order No. 012, s. 2025** or the Multi-Year Implementing Guidelines on the School Calendar and Activities;
 - b. **DepEd Memorandum (DM) No. 033, s. 2025** or the Supplemental Guidelines for the Implementation of the Bawat Bata Makababasa Program; and
 - c. DM 042, s. 2025 or the 2025 Brigada Eskwela Implementing Guidelines.
- 5. LHAS shall comprise the following components:
 - a. Master listing;
 - b. Nutritional assessment;
 - c. Health history intake and general head-to-toe assessment;
 - d. Vision and hearing screening;
 - e. Oral health assessment; and
 - f. Universal mental health and psychosocial screening and assessment.







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Email Address: tayabas.city@deped.gov.ph Website: https://www.sdotayabascity.ph Screening components are non-diagnostic in nature and are intended to identify learners who require further evaluation and/or intervention.

- 6. To support the uniform implementation of LHAS and ensure the standardized recording and reporting of learners' health-related data, schools are enjoined to use the templates, forms and other tools for the components of LHAS which may be accessed at https://bit.ly/DepEdLHASSY2526Forms.
- 7. The LHAS related activities and other health services (e.g. Immunization, deworming) **shall not be considered co-curricular activities** that are limited to being conducted only every two weeks, pursuant to Item **No. 16 of DO 012, s. 2025.** Schedule on the conduct of LHAS will be coordinated with the concerned School Heads, depending on the school calendar.
- 8. Enclosed is a copy of Enclosure No. 2 to DepEd Memorandum No. 050, s. 2025, which will serve as the reference for the Master Listing.

9. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

CELEDOMO B. BALDERAS JR. Schools Division Superintendent

Encl.: As stated

Reference: DepEd Order 050, s. 2025 To be indicated in the <u>Perpetual Index</u> under the following subjects:

> LEARNERS HEALTH ASSESSMENT SCREENING

SGOD- learners' health assessment and screening (lhas) for school year 2025-2026 SCH45L86-001021/JULY 29, 2025







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(Enclosure No. 2 to DepEd Memorandum No. $\{5,5,0\}$ s. 2025)

MASTER LISTING

Master listing refers to the schools' preparation of the list of all its learners that are qualified to undergo the various components of LHAS, as prescribed by these guidelines. The master list template may be accessed at https://bit.ly/DepEdLHASSY2526Forms. The clinic focal, in coordination with the SDO school health personnel, shall ensure that the master list is accomplished accurately and updated throughout the school year.

Promoting PhilHealth registration shall also commence during the start of the master listing, as this activity requires the consent of parents/parent-substitutes/legal guardians before it can be completed. Specifically, this means inviting resource persons from PhilHealth to orient the school's stakeholders about the insurance program and how to register as members. This shall be a continuing activity throughout the school year, as practicable.

Assent and consent of the learners' parents/parent-substitutes/legal guardians shall be required before the scheduling of health services, and PhilHealth registration can be completed. As such, schools shall also conduct information dissemination activities for parents/parent-substitutes/legal guardians, learners, and other stakeholders concerned to properly orient them about the activities, address any possible concerns, and secure their active support and participation. For this, schools may utilize the general assembly with stakeholders (per Item No. 23 of DO 12, s. 2025) scheduled at the beginning of the school year. The Parent-Teacher Conferences scheduled throughout the year (per Item No. 24 of DO 12, s. 2025) may also be utilized for the continued promotion of school health services and activities for learners. The soft copy of the Consent Form for Learners' Health Assessment and Screening may be accessed at https://bit.ly/DepEdLHASSY2526Forms. The Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division shall disseminate materials that may be used by field offices and schools in their information dissemination and orientation activities.

The master listing shall also include the **scheduling of target learners for LHAS**, depending on the capacity of the school and the SDO concerned. For each learner, the schedule of screening and assessment and whether the learner is for treatment and/or referral is recorded. If the learner is for referral, the date when the patient was seen by the receiving facility or health personnel as indicated on the SHD Form 3 (Referral Form and Return Slip), shall be recorded. If the learner is for follow-up, the date when follow-up was done shall also be recorded.

Schools are enjoined to utilize the master list summary to validate their monthly school health reports submitted to the SDO's School Governance and Operations Division (SGOD)-SHN Section.