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SUBJECT : POLICIES FOR THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF HIV
INFECTION/AIDS IN THE PHILIPPINES

Considering the growing threat of the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) disease to public health, the following policies shall become the bases for national strategies in the fight against the AIDS disease in the country:

1. Prevention of HIV infection/AIDS shall be the priority of the National AIDS Control Program.
2. AIDS Education shall be integrated in existing school curricula of elementary, high school, and college levels; implementation shall be the responsibility of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports.
3. Communication campaigns on HIV infection/AIDS shall be part of an information delivery system integrated into other closely related programs.
4. To prevent HIV transmission, protective measures such as condom usage shall be promoted for persons with high-risk sexual behavior. These protective measures shall be made available and widely accessible.
5. All blood donors and blood for transfusion shall be screened for HIV.
6. No mandatory testing shall be required except for those persons already being tested under existing law. Persons who engage in high-risk behavior shall be encouraged to undergo voluntary testing. Pre-testing informed consent shall be required and post-testing counselling shall be made available.
7. Information on the testing, counselling and care of individuals shall remain confidential.
8. For surveillance purposes, statistics on the incidence of infection shall be maintained by the Department of Health.



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9. Infected or sick individuals shall be referred for appropriate counselling and care. As a matter of public policy, no person shall be subjected to quarantine or isolation.
10. Health and social assistance shall be provided to infected and sick individuals by government and non-government organizations.
11. Tourists shall not be required to undergo testing for HIV infection unless there are medical indications for testing.
12. Visa applicants who have undergone previous testing will be required to disclose the results of such tests upon visa application.

This order shall take effect immediately.


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