



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION VIII
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF NORTHERN SAMAR

November 17, 2025

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 448, s. 2025

**SUPPORT FOR THE CONDUCT OF HEALTHY LEARNING INSTITUTION FOR
LAST MILE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (HLI-LMES) PREVENTIVE DRUG
EDUCATION PROGRAM (PDEP)**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief, Schools Governance & Operations Division
Division Medical Officer / Head, School Health Section
All Others Concerned

1. In reference to the communication received from the Provincial Health Office of Northern Samar dated November 5, 2025, this Office fully supports the conduct of the **Healthy Learning Institution for Last Mile Elementary Schools (HLI-LMES) Preventive Drug Education Program**, scheduled on **November 24–26, 2025** at **Dencio's Venue and Catering Services**, Brgy. Dalakit, Catarman, Northern Samar.
2. The activity aims to **strengthen health promotion, enhance health literacy, and provide preventive education** for learners in Last Mile Elementary Schools (LMES), spearheaded by the **Department of Health – Eastern Visayas Center for Health Development (DOH-EV CHD)** and the **Provincial Health Office (PHO)**, in coordination with the **DepEd Northern Samar School Health Section**.
3. The following personnel are **required to attend** the program to enhance their capacity in **health promotion, preventive education, and learner-centered interventions**. Designated participants are expected to actively participate, as their attendance is essential for the successful implementation of the HLI-LMES program:
 - a. **Eight (8) DepEd Nurses Program Coordinators**
 - b. **Thirty-six (36) School Nurses**
4. **Accommodation** will be arranged for participants traveling from areas outside Catarman, Northern Samar. Participants are kindly requested to **confirm their attendance and indicate their intended check-in arrangements on or before November 21, 2025**.
5. **All expenses relative to the conduct of this activity**—such as meals, venue, and accommodation—shall be charged to the **HLI Fund** managed by

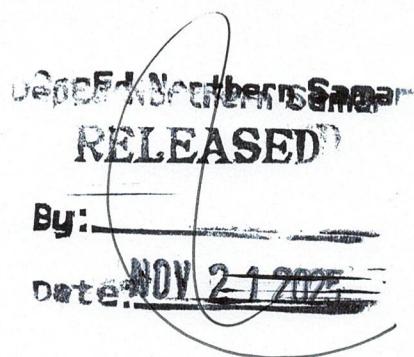


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the Department of Health - Eastern Visayas Center for Health Development (DOH-EVCHD). Meanwhile, travel and incidental expenses of DepEd participants and facilitators from DepEd shall be charged to their respective **local/school/division funds or MOOE**, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

6. This Memorandum shall serve as the **Official Travel Authority** for all concerned participants and facilitators.
7. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.


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OLIVA C. LIPATA
Administrative Assistant III

Dear Supt. Aljibe,

Greetings!

Pursuant to Section 30 of Republic Act No. 11223 or the Universal Health Care (UHC) act, schools under the supervision of the Department of Education will be designated as healthy settings, with DepEd and Department of Health developing standards, programs, and modules on health literacy, health promotion and disease prevention. All of these will be addressed through the Healthy Learning Institutions (HLI) program of the DOH.

In this regard, the DOH Eastern Visayas Center for Health Development in coordination with the Provincial Health Office of Northern Samar would like to invite the following from your division to attend the **Healthy Learning Institution for Last Mile Elementary Schools (HLI- LMES) Preventive Drug Education Program** on November 24-26, 2025 in Catarman, Northern Samar

1. Dr. Warren Otadoy
2. Eight (8) DepEd Nurses Program Coordinators
3. Thirty six (36) School Nurses

To facilitate coordination and answering of queries, please feel free to contact **Ms. Naomi L. Mercader**, Health Education and Promotion Officer @09283501846 and **Ms. Alma M. Cuanico**, HLI Focal @09268100766.

We are hopeful of their participation and we look forward to your indispensable contribution to strengthen our services to all children in the province.

Very truly yours,

JK

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