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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
NO. 2014-59

TO : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY MAYORS, MUNICIPAL MAYORS, THE ARMM REGIONAL GOVERNOR, AND DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS

SUBJECT : INSTITUTIONALIZATION AND STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT PROVISIONS ON THE ALLOCATION OF AGENCY BUDGET FOR PROGRAMS, PROJECTS, ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Pursuant to Republic Act No. 9994 (The Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010), amplifying the constitutional mandate of giving primacy to the elderly and persons with disabilities, as among the priority groups in the provision of social services, necessitates the mandatory execution of the General Appropriations Act institutionalizing the provision of agency budgets, including local government units, for plans, programs, projects, and activities intended for senior citizens and persons with disabilities (PWDs).

To further support the Philippine Plan of Action for Senior Citizens, Republic Act No. 7277 (The Magna Carta for Disabled Persons), DBM-DSWD Joint Circular No. 2003-01, and Republic Act No. 7160 (The Local Government Code), of improving the total well-being of the elderly and persons with disability, all Local Chief Executives are hereby encouraged to:

1. Establish a city and municipal council for the elderly and PWDs, which shall formulate policies and adopt measures mutually beneficial to the elderly and to the community, appropriating funds therefore, consistent with Section 446 (5) (xvii), Section 458 (5) (xvii), of the Local Government Code; and
2. Allocate 1% of their respective budget pursuant to DBM-DSWD Circular No. 2003-01 dated April 28, 2003 re: *Implementing Guidelines for the Implementation of General Appropriations Act (GAA) Provisions on the Setting Aside of One Percent of Government Agency Budget for Programs/Projects Related to Senior Citizens and Disabled.*

All DILG Regional Directors and the ARMM Regional Governor are hereby directed to cause the widest dissemination of this Memorandum Circular, to local government units within their areas of jurisdiction.


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