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EASTERN VISAYAS

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TRANSPORT OF PERSON UNDER INVESTIGATION (PUI) SEVERE (COVID PATIENT) TO HOSPITALS

With the declaration of State of Public health emergency throughout the country due to community transmission of COVID-19 in National Capital Region (NCR) and Metro Manila pursuant to Proclamation No. 922 and 929, enhanced community quarantine was implemented over the entire Luzon.

In view of this, an expected increase in number of **Persons Under Monitoring (PUMs)** have arrived in Eastern Visayas, consequently an exponential increase of Patient Under Investigation (PUI) will sought consultation and admissions in the different health facilities in the region. There are only eight (8) Level 2 & two (2) Level 3 Hospitals with limited bed capacity for COVID-19 cases.

To maximize the use of transport service / ambulance for COVID-19 PUIs, this policy should be observed:

1. PUI Severe patient, after manifestation of severe symptoms, together with immediate family members shall notify MHO/ CHO/ ROD of the worsening condition of the patient;
2. MHO/CHO/ROD shall further assess/verify the condition of patient as basis of the referral of patient to the nearest Level 2 or Level 3 Hospital for appropriate management;
3. Confirmed/ Verified PUI Severe condition of patient, the MHO/CHO/ROD shall order referral of PUI patient to the nearest Level 2 or Level 3 Hospital making use of their own ambulance vehicle or local transport, excersing measures of containment. *(Refer to Annex A "Attached list of RHUs, Hospitals with licensed Ambulance Vehicle")*;

4. The referring health facility shall notify the receiving facility in advance, particularly the ROD and its Triage Team of the PUI to be referred and be able to prepare the compulsory precautionary measures;
5. In the absence of Ambulance vehicle at the particular locality, MHO/CHO/ROD must coordinate and notify the nearest Hospital with Ambulance Service to transport PUI patient to the Hospital of choice;
6. For consistency of information on the statistics of COVID-19, the referring facility shall inform the DOH – EV OPCEN at mobile number **09166557187**.

Please be guided accordingly.



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