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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM
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FOR : ALL CHD DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS/ MEDICAL CENTER AND HOSPITAL CHIEFS AND THEIR CORRESPONDING WOMEN & CHILD PROTECTION UNIT (WCPU) COORDINATORS, BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING OFFICERS OF THE GOVERNMENT RETAINED HOSPITALS

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SUBJECT : Inclusion of the Establishment of Women and Children Protection Units (WCPUs) in the 5% GAD Budget Allocation

In response to the government’s call to action against domestic violence, Department Order No 1-B s. 1997 was issued directing the establishment of Women and Child Protection Units (WCPUs) in all DOH hospitals.

Consultation meeting was conducted among the different Hospital-Based Women and Child Protection Unit (WCPU) coordinators, particularly from the National Capital Region and Luzon. One of the problems/issues and concerns raised was on the lack of funds for the hospital based WCPU operation.

In this regard, Budget Officers in all government retained hospitals are hereby directed to include in the 5% GAD Budget allocation for operation of hospital-based WCPUs.

Strict compliance is hereby enjoined.