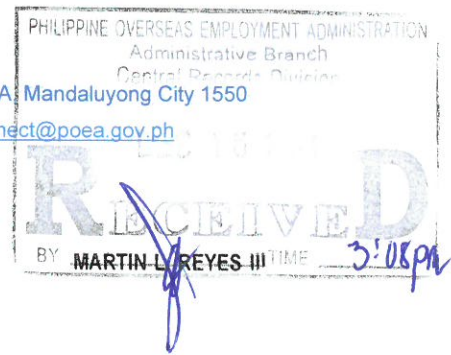




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POEA Governing Board Resolution No. 17, Series of 2020, was issued on 07 December 2020 placing a 5,000 deployment ceiling for newly hired healthcare workers identified as Mission Critical Skills, namely Nurses, Nursing Aids and Nursing Assistants and POEA Advisory No. 79, Series of 2021 was issued on 21 June 2021, increasing the said deployment ceiling to 6,500.

On 09 December 2021, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) issued Resolution No. 153, Series of 2021. The public is advised of the following:

1. The 2021 annual deployment ceiling of new hire healthcare workers (HCWs) for occupations identified by the Department of Labor and Employment as Mission Critical Skills (MCS) shall be further increased to seven thousand (7,000).
2. Nurses whose visas shall expire by 31 December 2021 shall be given preference.

Healthcare workers (HCWs) under government-to-government labor agreements and Returning/Balik-Manggagawa HCWs already exempt as per existing issuances shall remain exempt from the moratorium.

It is hereby reiterated that the HCW deployment ceiling during the state of national emergency brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic shall be applied consistent with non-deployment of overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) in non-compliant countries under Republic Act 10022 and in accordance with existing entry restrictions of Filipino nationals in countries of destination.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.


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Source: IATF Resolution No. 153, Series of 2021

