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**Increase in the Deployment Ceiling of Newly-Hired MCS-Healthcare Workers (HCWs)**

Further to POEA Governing Board Resolution No. 17, Series of 2020, placing a 5,000 deployment ceiling for newly hired healthcare workers identified as Mission Critical Skills (MCS), the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) issued IATF Resolution No. 122, Series of 2021 on 17 June 2021.

In view of the issuance of above IATF Resolution, the public is advised of the following:

1. The 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 **increased to six thousand five hundred (6,500)**.
2. Those HCWs falling under MCS with perfected contracts as of 31 May 2021, shall form part of this adjusted ceiling.
3. HCWs under government-to-government labor agreements shall be allowed deployment and are exempted from the adjusted ceiling.
4. Returning/Balik-Manggagawa HCWs already exempt as per existing issuances shall remain exempt from the moratorium.

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 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. 122, Series of 2021

