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**SUBJECT : INTERIM GUIDELINES ON THE OPERATION AND
MANAGEMENT OF THE SWADCAP ISOLATION FACILITY**

I. RATIONALE

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) is committed to continuously protect its personnel by ensuring their safety, health and wellbeing. It has constantly updated its safety and health measures implemented in the workplace to improve the working conditions due to the emerging threat of the COVID-19 and the new variants.

The DSWD has employed strategies to strengthen contact tracing, isolation, and quarantine through its Safety and Health Protocols. One of its priorities is the establishment of the Isolation Facility. This will cater to the emerging needs of the affected DSWD personnel in terms of resources intended for the interventions, proper care, documentation, coordination, reporting, and address the adverse outcomes of the COVID-19 in line with the principles and strategies on isolation. With the technical assistance of the Department of Health (DOH), the necessary structures and amenities to operate an Isolation Facility were installed and set up at the Social Welfare and Development Center for Asia Pacific (SWADCAP).

On November 4, 2021, the SWADCAP Isolation Facility located at Barangay Pasong Tamo, Taguig City was formally opened for operation. It is generally aimed at providing a safe space for DSWD personnel for them to recover from COVID-19 infection, help alleviate their anxiety and fears of infecting their families, and to mitigate the threat of COVID-19 within the DSWD workplace.

II. LEGAL BASIS

1. DOH Certification of SWADCAP Temporary Treatment and Monitoring Facility (TTMF) for confirmed COVID19 cases with mild symptoms under Department Memorandum No. 2020-0123 issued on October 21, 2021.
2. Memorandum from the Secretary dated 28 October 2020 on Guidelines on the Management of SWADCAP as DSWD COVID-19 Isolation Center
3. DSWD Advisory No. 2, s. 2021 - Enhanced DSWD's Safety and Health Protocol in light of COVID-19 Pandemic
4. RA 11469 - "Bayanihan to Heal as One Act" states that "in view of the continuing rise of confirmed cases of COVID-19, the serious threat to the health, safety, security, and lives of our countrymen, the long-term adverse effects on their means

