



## Module 4

### SESSION 2: BASIC EMERGENCY OBSTETRIC & NEWBORN CARE (BEmONC) CERTIFICATION and MATERNITY CARE PACKAGE (MCP)

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This session will strengthen the BEmONC certification of health facilities through ILHZ to ensure the delivery of quality MNCHN services towards saving the lives of mothers & children.

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### Session2: BEmONC Certification

- **Session Objective:** At the end of the session the participants must be able to:
- Define the following:
  - Certification
  - BEmONC health facility
  - BEmONC capable health facility
- Understand the requirements & the process flow of BEmONC certification
- Discuss the link of BEmONC certification to Maternity Care Package (MCP) accreditation.
- Discuss the specific roles of ILHZ on the Guidelines of BEmONC Certification.
- Identify the benefits of ILHZ on BEmONC certification
- Ensure the integration of health facilities enhancement in the ILHZ plan w/in the context of BEmONC - CEmONC strategy.

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### Session2: BEmONC Certification

- **Background:**
- **MNCHN policy** – developed to attain MDG IV & V
- **Addresses health risks** that lead to maternal & neonatal deaths w/c comprise half of reported infant deaths
- Improving health facilities to become BEmONC capable health facilities will **increase coverage of antenatal care w/ at least 4 visits, FBD, SBA, CPR & FIC**
- To ensure the delivery of emergency obstetric and newborn care services within the high standard.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No. 2011 - 0014

**Subject: Guidelines on the Certification of Health Facilities with Basic Emergency Obstetrics and Newborn Care ( BEmONC) Capacity**

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### Definition of Certification

- Certification - Process & procedure of external assessment or examination by which an individual or facility is determined to possess a minimally acceptable body of knowledge and/ or skills with capacity to provide the standards of care with adequate resources which includes drugs, supplies, standard equipment and physical infrastructure.

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### Rationale

- Certification standards from a certifying body in the DOH assure health provider safety & confidence on the implementation of standards that have a clear scope of practice cannot be compromised.
- Standards are set for the practice of professional health care providers, equipment and infrastructure service requirements for purposes of certification.
- Certification can be linked to accreditation process of HF with an incentive scheme.
- **AO is issued to establish a certification process which shall be the service standard for health facilities with skilled health professionals providing basic emergency obstetrics & newborn care.**

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### Definition of Basic Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care

- Health facilities that can perform the following six signal obstetric functions:
  - Parental Administration of oxytocin in the third stage of labor
  - Parenteral administration loading dose of anti-convulsants
  - Parenteral administration of initial dose of antibiotics
  - Performance of assisted deliveries (Imminent Breech delivery)
  - Removal of retained products of conception
  - Manual removal of retained placenta

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## Definition of Basic Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care

- These facilities are also able to provide emergency newborn interventions, which include the minimum:
  - Newborn Resuscitation
  - Treatment of neonatal sepsis/infection
  - Oxygen support
- It shall also capable of providing blood transfusion services on top of its standard functions (*Optional for BEmONC Hospitals*).

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## Definition of BEMONC Capable Facility

- A health facility that can either be a primary/district hospital, RHU or BHS/Lying-in clinic with complete complement of BEmONC trained personnel (*doctor, nurse and midwife*) operating 24/7 or on-call basis after regular office/clinic hours. Such as facilities can be certified by the DOH after meeting the standard requirements for certification.

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## Legal Basis on BEmONC Certification

1. **AO No. 2008 – 0029:** Health Reforms for the Rapid Reduction of Maternal & Neonatal Mortality
2. **AO No.2009 – 0025:** Adopting New Policies & Protocol on ENC
3. **AO No. 2010 – 0014:** Administration of Life Saving Drugs & Medicines by Midwives to Rapidly Reduce Maternal & Neonatal Morbidity & Mortality

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## SCOPE OF APPLICATION

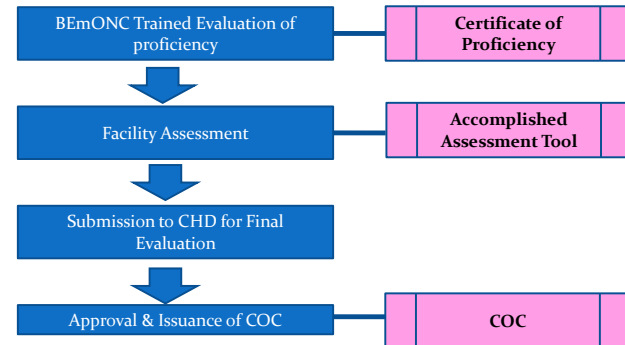
- All national, regional and local government **public health facilities that have met the requirements.**
- All relevant stakeholders whose functions & activities contribute to the delivery & provision of BEmONC services nationwide.

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## General Guidelines for BEmONC Certification

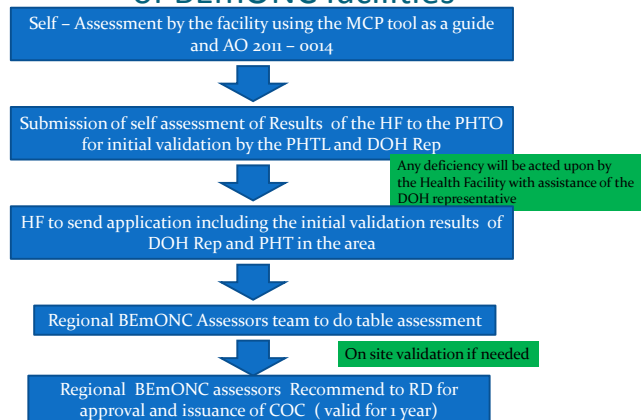
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## STEPS on BEmONC Certification



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## Flow Chart on the Certification Process of BEmONC facilities



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## Requirements for BEmONC Certification

- Health facilities shall operate 24/7 (either by on-manned or on-call) ;
- Presence of required supplies and drugs;
- With existing equipment required for maternal and child health care;
- With minimum existing physical structure in accordance to MCP standards.
- Complete BEmONC trained personnel complement: doctor, nurse and midwife



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## BEmONC Certification & MCP Accreditation

### ➤ Art. VI, Sec. 3 (A.O. 2011-0014)

- ❑ BEmONC Certificate will be attached to MCP Application;
- ❑ PhilHealth needs NO pre-accreditation facility visit for assessment;
- ❑ The BEmONC Certificate of proficiency of Health providers shall be one of the basis for accreditation as PhilHealth-accredited service provider.



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## Benefits of ILHZ for BEmONC Certification

- Greater available to access of quality services within the locality, both public and private, as well as, public health and curative;
- Provision of quality Maternal Neonatal Child Health and Nutrition services
- Improved referral system
- Capable and skilled health professionals
- Complementary income by MCP-accredited facilities for their operation.
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## Roles of Inter Local Health Zone to BEmONC certification

- Strengthen the governance component (e.g. enactment of ILHZ resolution) to ensure that all requirements of BEmONC will be met by each target health facilities within their respective district catchments;
- Funding complementation to respond the need of complying the requirements of BEmONC guidelines through Common Health Trust Fund (CHTF). Example: Equipment for Birthing Services, supplies and drugs for BEmONC services
- Responds the concern on lack of personnel through sharing mechanism; and
- Strengthens Service Delivery Network & the Referral System.

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