CIRCULAR LETTER

TO: All Heads of Departments/Agencies/State Universities and Colleges and Other Offices of the National Government, Budget Officers; Heads of Accounting Units, COA Auditors, Heads of Modified Disbursement System-Government Servicing Banks (MDS-GSBs) and All Others Concerned

SUBJECT: Guidelines Covering the Crediting and Validity of Notice of Cash Allocation (NCA) for Regular MDS Sub-Accounts Effective First Quarter of FY 2019 and Onwards

1.0 To ensure the timely implementation of programs and projects, disbursement authorization documents are issued to make cash available within the scheduled program/activity/project implementation period as reflected in the corresponding DBM-evaluated Monthly Disbursement Programs (MDPs) submitted by agencies.

2.0 Relative thereto, the following policies and procedures shall be observed by all concerned beginning the first quarter of 2019:

2.1 All NCA releases for Regular MDS Sub-Accounts, to be credited for any month, whether part of the comprehensive releases or constituting additional NCA releases, shall continue to be valid until the last working day of the 3rd month of the quarter covered.

2.2 The NCAs shall be credited to regular MDS Sub-accounts as follows:

2.2.1 Upon receipt of the NCAs from the DBM, the MDS-GSB shall ensure the immediate crediting on the date of issuance of such NCAs to the Regular MDS Sub-Accounts of OUs of the amount programmed for the month, if any, as shown in the Monthly Requirement Schedule for Notice of Cash Allocation (MRS-NCA). Thereafter, the NCA requirements for the subsequent months, as applicable, shall be credited on the first working day of the month consistent with the MRS-NCA;

2.2.2 Only the amount programmed for the month shall be credited by the MDS-GSB to the account of the Agencies/OUs; and

2.2.3 The MDS-GSB shall automatically credit any unutilized NCA, corresponding to the book balance at the end of the month, to the immediately succeeding month within the same quarter.
2.3 It is understood that **all NCA balances of regular MDS Sub-Accounts at the end of each quarter are considered lapsed after the last working hour of said quarter.**

2.4 Agencies/OUs are reminded that payment for their mandatories, i.e., PS, MOOE, and CO requirements, shall take precedence over accounts payable (A/Ps) in the utilization of the NCAs received. Only when these mandatory requirements are satisfied can the payment of A/Ps be charged against the available NCAs.

2.5 All concerned are enjoined to regularly submit to the DBM the requisite reports on the utilization of NCAs to wit:

2.5.1 For agencies/OUs, the **Monthly Report of Disbursements (MRD - Financial Accountability Report No. 4)** to DBM on or before the 30th day following the end of the month covered by the report as prescribed under DBM-COA Joint Circular No. 2014-1 dated July 2, 2014.

2.5.2 For the MDS-GSB, they shall provide DBM a **monthly report on NCAs credited and utilized per MDS account of agencies/OUs by fund on or before the 2nd working day following the month covered by the report**, pursuant to DBM CL No. 2013-12 dated November 21, 2013.

3.0 All MDS-GSBs shall ensure that their respective electronic systems are appropriately calibrated in a timely manner to enable the accurate processing, monitoring and reporting of utilization of NCAs issued consistent with the guidelines prescribed herein.

4.0 All pertinent provisions of previous issuances inconsistent with the provisions of this Circular are deemed repealed.

5.0 Cases not covered in this Circular shall be referred to the DBM for resolution.

6.0 This Circular shall take effect on January 3, 2019.

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