



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
 REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

March 11, 2026

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. **318** s. 2026

**DISSEMINATION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REGION VIII AND DR. JADOC ADULT
 AND CHILD EYE CENTER FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
 FREE EYE VISION SCREENING AND EYEGLASSES
 PROGRAM FOR SCHOOLS IN REGION VIII**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
 All Others Concerned

1. This Office disseminates the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) entered into between the Department of Education Regional Office VIII (Eastern Visayas) and Dr. Jadoc Adult and Child Eye Center, represented by its Proprietor, Dr. Maruja G. Jadoc, for the implementation of the Free Eye Vision Screening and Eyeglasses Program for learners aged ten (10) to fifteen (15) years old enrolled in public schools within the Region.
2. The partnership aims to promote the early detection of vision problems among learners and facilitate the conduct of free eye vision screening activities, medical assessment by licensed professionals, and the provision of eyeglasses to qualified learners in accordance with the guidelines of the PhilHealth YAKAP Program.
3. This initiative is consistent with the Department of Education's mandate to safeguard the health, welfare, and holistic development of learners, and is undertaken in support of Republic Act No. 8525 (Adopt-a-School Program Act) which encourages private sector participation in public education.
4. Under the Agreement, the Partner shall conduct eye screening services through qualified medical professionals and provide eyeglasses to eligible learners subject to the requirements of PhilHealth YAKAP and other applicable laws and regulations. The Schools Division Offices (SDOs), therefore, are enjoined to provide the necessary institutional support for the orderly implementation of the program.
5. Further, the Schools Division Offices are hereby directed to extend the necessary coordination and assistance in the implementation of the program, ensuring that activities shall not disrupt regular school operations and that all required parental consent and data privacy safeguards are strictly observed.

6. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

RONALO AL K. FIRMO, CESO IV
Assistant Regional Director
Officer In-Charge
Office of the Regional Director

Enclosures: as stated

References: as stated

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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

This **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA)** is entered into this ___ day of _____ 2026, in **Palo, Leyte, Philippines**, by and between:

The DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – REGION VIII (Eastern Visayas), a government agency duly organized and existing under Philippine laws, with office address at Government Center, Candahug, Palo, Leyte, represented herein by **Dr. RONELO AL K. FIRMO, CESO IV**, Assistant Regional Director and Officer-in-Charge, Office of the Regional Director, hereinafter referred to as **“DepEd Region VIII”**;

— and —

DR. JADOC ADULT AND CHILD EYE CENTER, a duly registered private medical and diagnostic clinic and **PhilHealth YAKAP-accredited provider**, with principal office address at San Miguel 6606 Sogod, Southern Leyte, represented herein by its Proprietor, **Dr. MARUJA G. JADOC**, hereinafter referred to as the **“PARTNER.”**

DepEd Region VIII and the Partner are hereinafter collectively referred to as the **“Parties.”**

WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, the Department of Education (DepEd) is mandated by the Constitution, Republic Act No. 9155, and other relevant laws to protect and promote the welfare, health, and holistic development of learners;

WHEREAS, uncorrected vision problems among school-aged children may adversely affect learning outcomes, academic performance, and psychosocial well-being;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8525, otherwise known as the **Adopt-a-School Program Act**, encourages private sector participation in public education through voluntary assistance and grants tax incentives for allowable contributions;

WHEREAS, Dr. Jadoc Adult and Child Eye Center is a PhilHealth YAKAP-accredited provider authorized to conduct eye screening services and provide eyeglasses to qualified beneficiaries in accordance with PhilHealth guidelines;

WHEREAS, the Parties recognize the value of public-private partnerships in improving learner health outcomes, particularly for learners aged ten (10) to fifteen (15) years old enrolled in public schools in Eastern Visayas;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

SECTION I

OBJECTIVES

This Agreement aims to:

1. Promote early detection of vision problems among learners aged ten (10) to fifteen (15) years old in public schools within DepEd Region VIII;
2. Facilitate the conduct of free eye vision screening activities in selected schools and Schools Division Offices (SDOs); and
3. Ensure the provision of eyeglasses to qualified learners in accordance with PhilHealth YAKAP guidelines and applicable laws.

SECTION II

SCOPE OF PARTNERSHIP

This partnership shall cover the planning, coordination, implementation, monitoring, and documentation of free eye vision screening services and the provision of eyeglasses to qualified learners, subject to resource availability, parental consent, and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

SECTION III

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

FREE EYE VISION SCREENING AND EYEGLASSES PROGRAM

The program shall include:

1. On-site eye vision screening of learners in selected public schools and SDOs;
2. Medical assessment by licensed and qualified professionals;
3. Provision of eyeglasses to eligible learners diagnosed with errors of refraction under PhilHealth YAKAP; and
4. Referral of learners requiring further medical attention, when necessary.

SECTION IV

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Responsibilities of DepEd Region VIII

DepEd Region VIII shall:

1. Ensure that all activities are aligned with existing DepEd policies and shall not disrupt regular school operations;
2. Issue the necessary authority or endorsement allowing the Partner to conduct approved activities in selected schools and SDOs;
3. Coordinate with concerned SDOs, school heads, parents, and guardians for orderly implementation;
4. Designate a focal person to coordinate scheduling, monitoring, and documentation;
5. Ensure compliance with the Data Privacy Act of 2012 (RA 10173); and
6. **Process, endorse, and facilitate—subject to existing laws, rules, and regulations—the documentation necessary for the availment of applicable tax incentives in favor of the Partner for allowable expenses incurred in the provision of medicines and eyeglasses to learners in excess of what is covered under the PhilHealth YAKAP Program, including the issuance of certifications, endorsements, or attestations within the authority of DepEd Region VIII.**

B. Responsibilities of the Partner

The Partner shall:

1. Conduct free eye vision screening services through licensed and qualified medical professionals;

2. Provide eyeglasses to eligible learners strictly in accordance with PhilHealth YAKAP guidelines;
3. Shoulder costs related to its voluntary contributions and services, unless otherwise agreed in writing;
4. Ensure compliance with all health, safety, PhilHealth, and regulatory requirements;
5. Submit narrative, accomplishment, and documentary reports as may be reasonably required by DepEd Region VIII; and
6. Refrain from any form of commercial advertising or promotion within school premises.

SECTION V

ELIGIBILITY AND COMPLIANCE

Only learners who are active PhilHealth members or duly registered dependents shall be eligible to avail of benefits under the PhilHealth YAKAP Program. All documentary and validation requirements shall be complied with prior to the provision of eyeglasses.

SECTION VI

TAX INCENTIVES AND DONATIONS-IN-KIND

1. The Parties acknowledge that the Partner may incur expenses beyond what is reimbursable under the PhilHealth YAKAP Program.
2. DepEd Region VIII shall facilitate, within its legal mandate, the processing and endorsement of **Certificates of Tax Incentives (CTI)** or equivalent documentation in favor of the Partner, in accordance with **Republic Act No. 8525**, its Implementing Rules and Regulations, and relevant DepEd issuances.
3. The availment of tax incentives shall be subject to the Partner's compliance with all requirements of the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) and other concerned agencies.
4. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as an automatic grant of tax exemption or as creating any financial liability on the part of DepEd Region VIII.

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SECTION VII

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

No transfer of funds shall be made by DepEd Region VIII to the Partner under this Agreement. All contributions are voluntary and in-kind, unless otherwise covered by a separate written agreement.

SECTION VIII

TERM AND EFFECTIVITY

This Agreement shall take effect upon signing and shall remain valid for **one (1) year**, unless earlier terminated or extended by mutual written agreement.

SECTION IX

TERMINATION

Either Party may terminate this Agreement for valid cause upon thirty (30) days' prior written notice, without prejudice to obligations already incurred.

SECTION X

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

1. **Amendments** – Must be in writing and signed by both Parties.
2. **Separability** – Invalid provisions shall not affect the remainder.
3. **Governing Law** – This Agreement shall be governed by Philippine laws.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF,

The Parties have hereunto affixed their signatures on the date and place first above written.

**FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION – REGION VIII**

**DR. JADOC ADULT AND CHILD
EYE CENTER**

DR. RONELO AL K. FIRMO, CESO IV
Assistant Regional Director
Officer-in-Charge,
Office of the Regional Director

Maruja G. Jado
DR. MARUJA G. JADOC
Proprietor

SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF:

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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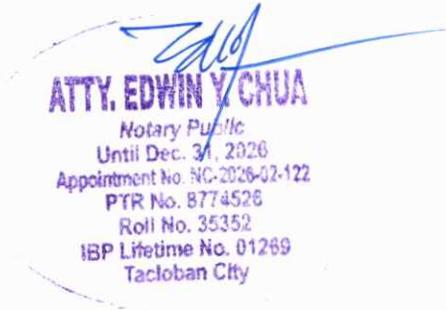
BEFORE ME, a Notary Public for and in Tacloban City personally appeared the following:

Name	Government Issued ID (Details)	Date and Place Issued

Known to me and to me known to be the same persons who executed the foregoing Memorandum of Agreement, signed by the PARTIES and their instrumental witnesses, and they acknowledged to me that the same is their free voluntary act and deed and that of the corporations they represent respectively. This Memorandum of Agreement consists of **seven (7)** in which this acknowledgment is written, signed by the parties and their instrumental witnesses every page thereof.

WITNESS MY HAND AND NOTARIAL SEAL, on the date at the place first written above.

NOTARY PUBLIC



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