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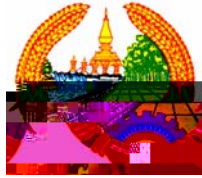
**PRESIDENT**

**LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC**

**On the Promulgation of the Law on Health Care**

Pursuant to Chapter 6, Article 67, point 1 of the Constitution of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and the la

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**Article 7. International Relations**

The State promotes and encourages international cooperation and assistance in respect of health care, in particular, in scientific research, exchange of information and knowledge, advances in medical technology and training for health-care professionals.

**Chapter 2  
The Operation of the Health-care Profession**

**Article 8. Requirements of Health-care Professionals**

Health-care professionals shall full





and equipment, employ modern procedures and technologies, and are able to provide consultations and higher-level treatments than those provided by the



**Article 21. Medical Materials and Equipment**

Installation of medical materials and equipment in public and private health-care establishments at different levels shall comply with the standards for such level of health-care services

**Article 25. Prescription of Treatment**

Health-care professionals shall prescribe treatment to provide proper care, ensuring quality and safety.

**Article 26. Prescription of Drugs**

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**Article 35. Ethics<sup>14</sup> of Health-care Professionals**

The ethics of health-care professionals determines standards of conduct applicable to physicians, dentists, nurses, midwives and medical technicians in order to improve the quality and efficiency of the professional care provided by themem

Engage in trafficking in any product or organ from any part of the human body;  
Provide care in prohibited establishments;  
Provide unauthorised care;  
Provide unlawful care.

**Article 42. Prohibition Against the Unlawful Provision of Care**

It shall be prohibited to encourage or promote unlawful care such as unauthorised abortions, [and] carrying out procedures that are dangerous to the health of patients.

**Chapter 5**

veterans [and] the disabled and persons who are no longer able to work belonging to Party organisations, State organisations, the Lao Front for National Reconstruction, and mass organisations, and by government contributions.

When members of this fund, including disabled persons belonging to the special category, their spouses and children not exceeding eighteen years of age, consult or receive treatment in different health-care establishments, they do not need to pay directly for the treatment, but all their expenses are directly covered by the civil-servants health insurance funds in conformity with regulations.

#### **Article 48. Enterprise Health Insurance Funds**

Enterprise health insurance funds are financed by contributions from enterprise employees and employers.

When the members of these funds, including their spouses and children not exceeding eighteen years of age, consult or receive treatment in different health-care establishments, they do not need to pay directly for the treatment,





**Article 55. Rights and Duties of the Ministry of Health**

The Ministry of Health shall have the following rights and duties:

1. To conduct research on the policy and the strategic plan for the management of health-care services, for submission to the government for consideration<sup>19</sup>;
2. To draw up its own plan, programme of action and detailed projects, on the basis of the policies, plans and decrees adopted by the government, for active implementation;
3. To draw up and improve regulations and standards applicable to health-care services;
4. To supervise the professional organisations and monitor the implementation of health-care regulations and the Law on Health Care, to undertake evaluation and assessment, and to report to the government;
5. To suspend or cancel any decisions, orders, instructions and notifications of lower-level health-care administrative agencies that are contrary to the laws and regulations;
6. To consider and deal with the proposals of citizens and organisations relating to the quality and standard of treatment and the administration of health-care activities;
7. To build and train staff by providing them with knowledge, skills and behaviour that conforms to medical ethics;
8. To undertake research and to disseminate [knowledge of] medical science so as to ensure high quality and up-to-date medical treatment;
9. To issue health-care professionals with authorisations to practice;
10. To coordinate on the administration of health-care services with all parties concerned to ensure that the laws and regulations on health care are effectively implemented;
11. To cooperate with foreign countries and international organisations in creating favourable conditions for the administration of health-care services;
12. To exercise other rights and perform other duties prescribed by the laws.

**Article 56. Rights and Duties of the Health Divisions**

Each health division shall have the following rights and duties:

1. To draw up its own plan, programme of action and detailed projects for the administration of health-care services, on the basis of the policies, plans and decisions issued by the Ministry of Health;
2. To implement the policy and strategic plan for the administration

- evaluation and assessment, and to report to higher authorities and the Ministry of Health;
3. To supervise the administration of health-care services by the district and municipal health offices;
  4. To administer health-care services within its area of responsibility in order to provide quality treatment that conforms to standards;
  5. To provide advice, disseminate information and encourage society to practice quality and safe health-care activities;
  6. To monitor the advertising of health-care services



**Chapter 8**  
**Policies towards Persons who have Performed Well and Measures Against Violators<sup>21</sup>**

**Article 62. Policies Toward Persons Who Have Performed Well**

Individuals or organisations which have outstanding performance in the implementation of this Law on Health Care will receive awards or other appropriate policies.

**Article 63. Measures Against Violators**

Individuals or organisations which violate this Law on Health Care shall be re-educated, fined or subject to civil liability or criminal punishment, as determined on a case by case basis.

**Chapter 9**  
**Final Provisions**

**Article 64. Implementation**

The government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic is entrusted to implement this law.

**Article 65. Effectiveness**

This Law on Health Care shall enter into force after ninety days from