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GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB LAW AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION (50 of 2017)

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The following Notification No. REG.AQ-2/2017, dated 09.03.2017, issued under section 40 of the Punjab Healthcare Commission Act 2010 (XVI of 2010) for amendments in the Punjab Healthcare Commission (Amendment) Regulations for Banning Quackery in all its Forms and Manifestations and for Dealing with Quacks, 2017 is published for general information:

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Punjab Healthcare Commission

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No. REG.AQ-2/2017 in view of the Introduction, Preamble read along with Sections 13, 14, 15, 16 & 17 and in exercise of the powers conferred by subsection (1) of Section 40 read with sub-section (1) of Section 4, as well as clauses (j) & (k) of Sub-section (2) of Section 40 of the Punjab Healthcare Commission Act, 2010 (Act XVI of 2010), and in order to carry out the purposes of the Punjab Healthcare Commission Act, 2010, the Commission is pleased to make the following Amendments in "The Punjab Healthcare Commission Regulations for banning quackery in all its forms and manifestations and for dealing with quacks, 2016".

- 1. Short title and commencement—(1) These Regulations shall be called the Punjab Healthcare Commission (Amendment) Regulations for banning quackery in all its forms and manifestations and for dealing with quacks, 2017.
 - (2) These Regulations shall come into force at once.
- 2. Amendment in clause (c) of sub-regulation (1) of regulation 2.— In clause (c) of sub-regulation (1) of regulation 2, after the words "in the Act" following words shall be added "including but not limited to sealing of such Healthcare Establishment(s) where quackery is being practiced in any form whatsoever".
- 3. Substitution of heading of regulation 5.— The heading of regulation 5 shall be substituted with the following "POWERS OF VISIT, SEIZURE & SEALING".
- 4. Insertion of new regulation after regulation 5.— After regulation 5, the following new regulation along with heading shall be inserted and read as:

"POWERS OF SEALING:

- 5-A. (1) The said Officer(s) shall also be authorized to seal the said premises, in case it is found that the person(s) rendering any kind / sort of healthcare services thereat, do not have a valid registration from either of the above mentioned Councils and /or, the requisite Certificate of Registration and a valid license issued by the Commission. The said Officer(s) shall accordingly seal the said premises in view of the provisions of Sections 13, 14, 15, 16 & 17 of the Act. The said Officer(s) shall also seal the said premises, in public interest, in case it is found that quackery is taking place at the said premises.
 - (2) The Officer(s) shall prepare a memorandum of sealing the said premises and obtain signatures of the Owner, Manager, In-charge of the Healthcare Establishment and the Proprietor, as the case may be, on the prescribed format.
 - (3) The said Officer(s) shall ensure, before sealing the said premises that there are no such patients at the said premises, which may need immediate treatment and management. In case, he is of the opinion that any such patient is so present at the said premises, then the said officer shall make all such necessary arrangements for immediate shifting of such patient(s), in order to safeguard and protect the life of the said patient(s), as the case may be.
 - (4) The said Officer(s) may also issue such directions regarding any medicines or other perishable items found at the said premises, as he may deem fit for the purposes of protecting the same from expiring or decaying, as the case may be, if so requested by any person or an employee at the said premises.
 - (5) The said Officer(s) shall, after locking and sealing the premises with the very keys of the premises, hand over the said keys to the Owner, Manager, In-charge of the Healthcare Establishment or the Proprietor, as the case may be. In case the Owner, Manager, In-charge of the Healthcare Establishment or the Proprietor leaves the premises or absconds himself during or after the visit by the said officer, the

keys of the sealed premises shall be submitted to the Commission along with the Report."

- 5. Amendment in sub-regulation (3) of regulation 6.— In sub-regulation (3) of regulation 6, for the words "in view of the report submitted to the Commission by the reporting / visiting officer(s)" the following shall be substituted "for the desealing of the premises / site".
- 6. Amendment in sub-regulation (4) of regulation 6.— In sub-regulation (4) of regulation 6, for the words "approaches the Commission in view of the sub-regulations (1) and (3)" the following shall be substituted "applies for de-sealing of the site / premises being used for rendering Healthcare Services".
- 7. Amendment in sub-regulation (7) of regulation 6.— In sub-regulation (7) of regulation 6, after the full stop following shall be added "In any case, when none appears before the Committee, the premises / site, shall remain sealed".
- 8. Amendment in sub-regulation (9) of regulation 6.— In sub-regulation (9) of regulation 6, the words "in view of the report(s) submitted by the Reporting / Visiting officer(s)" the following shall be substituted "for the de-sealing of the premises / site" and for the word "appear" following shall be substituted "apply for the de-sealing of the said premises / site".
- 9. Amendment in clause (g) sub-regulation (1) of regulation 7.— In clause (g) of sub-regulation (1) of regulation 7, for the words "allow the provision of health care services at the" following shall be substituted "confirm the act / order of sealing of the said".

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