

Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) Regulation

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Relying on the power under the provisions of Section 5, paragraph 1, Section 26 (4) of the 1982

Medical Profession Act, the Minister of Health has issued the following regulations:

Item 1: This regulation is called the " Regulation of persons in the ministries, departments, Bangkok Metropolitan Administration, Pattaya City, provincial administrative organizations, municipalities, other local administrative organizations as announced by the Minister in the Government Gazette or the Thai Red Cross, are assigned to provide clinical services under the close supervision of a medical professional (Doc. 4) 2019."

Item 2: This regulation shall come into force ninety days from the date of its publication in the Government Gazette.

Item 3: In this regulation:

"Officer" means civil servant, government official, employees under the MOPH and government officials or employees under the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA), Pattaya City, Provincial Administrative Organization, Municipality, Other Local Administration Organizations as announced by the Minister in the Government Gazette or the Thai Red Cross;

"Medical practitioner" means a person who has registered and received a license as a medical practitioner from the Thai Medical Council;

"Control" means oversight or supervision;

"Drug use" means the use of medicines received by dispensing drugs to patients by ingestion of inhalation, spraying, applying topically, or any other action that gives the same result and is correct according to the drug label;

"Dispensing medicine" means the delivery of medicines with labels and advice on drug use by using pharmaceutical knowledge including analysis, examination or diagnosis of technical accuracy by taking into account the effectiveness, safety and suitability for patients, service recipients or specific drug users;

"Service Receiver" means a target population with risk behavior or person infected with HIV, syphilis, gonorrhea or chlamydia, or other sexually transmitted infection (STI);

"Civil Society volunteer" denotes a person under the control or supervision of a Civil Society organization (CSO);

"Civil Society organization" refers to a CSO as designated by the Office of the Prime Minister on support for CSO, as per the August 2015 directive, which implements or provides services related to HIV, syphilis, gonorrhea, chlamydia or other STI.

Item 4: A person of the MOPH, BMA, Pattaya City, Provincial Administrative Organization

Municipalities, or other local administration organization as announced by the Minister in the Government Gazette or the Thai Red Cross, who is assigned to provide clinical services, must be a person who has passed the training course that the MOPH has specified or that the MOPH endorses, and receives a certificate of competency from the MOPH.

The person assigned under Paragraph 1 to perform a clinical task must be under the close supervision of a licensed medical practitioner.

Item 5: If the person assigned by Item 4 is a volunteer of a CSO, such a person must be appointed by the MOPH to be CSO volunteer who can provide services on HIV, syphilis, gonorrhea, chlamydia, or other STI.

Item 6: The person assigned by Item 4 to perform clinical tasks can only perform those tasks related to government-authorized activities or services.

Item 7: The person assigned by Item 4, can only provide the following clinical services or tasks:

(1) Services related to HIV, syphilis, gonorrhea, chlamydia, or other STI.

(1.1) Providing pre- and post-test counseling and clinical counseling.

(1.2) Collecting specimens for laboratory analysis.

(1.3) Performing a finger prick to select a blood sample for screening.

(1.4) Using rapid diagnostic kits.

(1.5) Reading and reporting findings from (1.2), (1.3) and (1.4).

(2) Referring for confirmatory diagnosis and treatment.

(3) Dispensing the following medicines:

(3.1) Essential household medicines (allowed under law) for preliminary treatment related to HIV, syphilis, gonorrhea, chlamydia, or other STI.

(3.2) Medications that medical practitioners have already prescribed for specific service recipients or temporarily related to HIV, syphilis, gonorrhea, chlamydia, or other STI.

As per Paragraph 1, this should be implemented according to MOPH specifications.

Item 8: Have CSO that supervise or control volunteers, according to Item 5, coordinate with various related technical agencies and local health services units in the process of providing services to service recipients.

Item 9: The Permanent Secretary of the MOPH is in charge of this regulation and is to be the judge if problems occur with compliance with this regulation

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