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Regulation on the Supervision of Private Health Facilities was Introduced

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The Regulation on the Supervision of Private Health Facilities ("**Regulation**"), published in the Official Gazette dated 17 November 2023 and numbered 32372.

The procedures and principles regarding the audit of health services and the compliance of real persons providing health services and health institutions, organizations and facilities with the relevant legislation and the regulations determined by the Ministry of Health, and the administrative sanctions to be imposed on the non-compliance detected as a result of the audit process conducted were regulated.

Health institutions and facilities subject to the principles of services and audits within the scope of the Regulation are listed below:

- all health institutions, organisations and establishments belonging to natural persons and private legal entities providing health services and operating with a permit, certificate of conformity or licence issued by the Ministry of Health in accordance with the relevant legislation,
- persons, institutions and establishments subject to unauthorised, unpermitted or unlicensed health service provision,
- international health tourism intermediary organisations authorised by the Ministry of Health.

Important regulations within the scope of the Regulation are as follows:

- Healthcare facilities and healthcare service delivery areas will be inspected in three ways: (i) ordinary, (ii) extraordinary and (iii) end-of-term supervisions.
- Compliance with the regulations determined by the Ministry in a specific health service provision will be
 monitored and audited through the patient file, electronic recording systems, medical photographs, medical
 imaging, reports and other information and documents used in health service provision or by using the eaudit system.

In this inspection and audit process, at least one person from the Ministry or directorate staff is assigned as a coordinator during the relevant inspection, audit and evaluation.

Audits are conducted through the e-audit system unless otherwise notified.

- In case of detection of unauthorized, unauthorized or unlicensed health service provision and medical practices,
- health institutions and organizations that do not have a license, permit or activity certificate issued by any
 institution shall be closed by the governorate and a criminal complaint shall be filed with the Public
 Prosecutor's Office against the relevant persons.
- workplaces that have a license under the legislation of any institution shall be banned from the provision of health services by the governorate and a criminal complaint shall be filed with the public prosecutor's office against the relevant persons and the necessary notifications shall be made to the institution that issued the license to take action in accordance with the relevant legislation.

Health facilities may appeal the audit results through the health facility authority and the appeal process is regulated separately.

The full text of the Regulation is available at this link. (Only available in Turkish)

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