**Government of Pakistan**

**Ministry of National Health Services Regulation & Coordination**

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Subject: **Islamabad Healthcare Facilities Management Authority Bill.**

In order to ensure provision of quality healthcare services through efficient management of health facilities in Islamabad, National Health Reforms Task Force constituted by the Prime Minister drafted a Bill titled Islamabad Healthcare Facilities Management Authority Act”. The Draft Bill was first placed before the CCLC, which asked to add views of Establishment Division and Finance Division. After adding views of both the divisions, the draft was got vetted from the Law & Justice Division. The vetted Draft Bill Summary was placed before the Federal Cabinet. The Federal Cabinet in its meeting held on 26-11-2019 considered the summary and approved the summary in principle with following direction:-

***The Cabinet considered the summary titled “Approval of Draft Islamabad Healthcare Facilities Management Act,2019” dated 18th November,2019, submitted by National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination Division, and approved, in principle, the proposal contained in para 8 thereof, with the direction that the draft may be revised to include the suggestions made by the members of the Cabinet:***

***i. The Cabinet also directed the NHSR&C Division to hold dialogue with various stakeholders and disseminate the information relating to the objectives of the proposed legislation, for information of general public.***

***ii. The Cabinet further directed the NHSR&C Division to explore the possibility of taking over the Railways hospital in Rawalpindi and running it as a Federal Government hospital***.

2. In the light of above said decision of the Cabinet, the draft Act was shared with FGPC, NIRM, FGH and DHO for their views/comments. In response, FGPC and NIRM offered no objection whereas FGH and DHO proposed some suggestions regarding organogram. On this, former Secretary NHSR&C asked JS(Tech)/DG(H) for arranging a consultative meeting with all stakeholders. These consultative meeting of stakeholders, however, could not be called for due to COVID-19 situation. The decision mentioned at para 118(ii) above is being dealt by our Admin Wing.

**Salient Features of “Islamabad Healthcare Facilities Management Authority Bill”.**

**Responsibilities of Authority:**

i) Ensuring that the objectives of the authority within the overall ambit of Government policy are achieved, overseeing the effective management, and providing strategic direction to the health Institutions in public sector in the federal territory;

ii) Approve the budget of the Authority and allocate funds to health institutions under its supervision;

iii) Oversee healthy service delivery at primary and secondary levels within the policy framework given by the Government;

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iv) Implement policies and directions of the Government including achievement of key performance indicators set by the Government for health care programmes;

v) Policy making and ensuring that performance and its programmes are efficient and effective; and

vi) Ensuring transparency of procedures for appointment, terms and conditions of service, disciplinary matters and other service matters for all employees under the direct or indirect authority of the Islamabad Healthcare Facilities Management.

**3. Islamabad Healthcare Facilities Management Board:**

Eight Members Nominating Committee under the chairmanship of Minister-incharge of the Division will nominate Members of the Board, who will be appointed with the approval of Prime Minister for three years term. The members include Doctors of Medicine, Surgery, Paediatrics, Gyne and a Senior Nurse, 3 members of eminent professionals from civil society. Members of Board will select a Chairman through voting.

**4. Healthcare Institutions Management**:

The Authority shall manage healthcare institutions and ensure delivery of health facilities as per management guidelines. The Authority may recommend to the concerned division:

(a) Establishment of new healthcare institutions;

(b) Rationalization of existing health facilities and healthcare institutions;

© Upgradation of healthcare institutions to meet standards determined by Government.

**5. Executive Office of the Authority:**

The Authority shall have an executive office headed by a Chief Executive Officer. CEO will be responsible and accountable to the Board. CEO shall ensure provision of efficient primary and secondary health facilities and services, manage human resource, monitor, implement and execute development projects. He will act as PAO of the Authority. There will also be a Finance Director appointed by the Board.

**6. Hospital Governing Board**:

Each hospital shall have a 6 members Governing Board, which includes 3 independent members, CEO of authority and a representative each of the medical staff and nursing staff of the Hospital. CEO shall be chairman of the board. The Board shall oversee the effective management and provide strategic direction to the hospital. Board shall approve budget of hospital and oversee delivery of health facilities.

**7. Management and Functional Structure of the Hospital**:

All personnel including medical, nursing, technical and administrative in the hospital shall be selected and appointed in the Islamabad Health Service Cadre with TORs of service to be prescribed by the Authority. Existing employees will be officered option either to continue with existing TORs or new TORs. All new appointments will be made on contract basis.

**8. Basic Health Units and Rural Health Centres**:

Existing BHUs shall continue as headquarters and integration point for various vertical programs including LHWs, MN&CH, EPIs, HIV, Malaria, TB, Hepatitus etc. Existing job description of BHUs shall continue till further review and modification by the Board.

**9. Way Forward**:

(i) A consultative meeting to share, discuss and get input of stakeholders on Draft Bill may be held in M/o NHSR&C.

(ii) Heads of FGPC/NIRM/FGH/DHO/TB Hospital/ Representative of Doctors, Nurses, Paramedics/ Non-technical/Support Staff be invited.

(iii) Members of Civil Society can also be invited.

(iv) Bill may also be uploaded on website.

(v) After consultation, required changes be made and resubmit Bill to Cabinet for legislation.