



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 164 s. 1972

SUBJECT : Rules and Regulations on the Professional Practice of hospitals physicians under the Department of Health in connection with the implementation of Program I of Republic Act No. 6111

It is a basic principle that physicians who accepted employment in the Department of Health assume the responsibility of rendering the public health services to which the government has committed itself to provide to the people in general, and to the indigent population of our country in particular, for free professional services, however, subject to the conditions set forth in this Order, among other requirements prescribed under other existing laws, rules and regulations, permission is hereby given to all Department of Health salaried physicians to attend medicare cases referred to in Program I of Republic Act No.6111, and to collect professional fees authorized thereunder if the following conditions are satisfied:

1. The physician has been specifically chosen by the medicare patient as his or her attending physician;
2. The physician has been granted the privilege to use the facilities of the government hospital concerned in accordance with the Medical Staff by-laws and subject to the hospital rules and regulations;
3. The performance of the regular duties for which the physician has been employed by the Department of Health should not be adversely affected;
4. The professional fees shall only be those that are covered and allowable under the rules and regulations laid down by the GSIS or SSS, as the case may be, pursuant to the provisions of Republic Act No. 6111; and
5. The collection of professional fees are allowed only in emergency cases and those handled after their tour-of-duty, except in communities where there are no private hospitals or medical practitioner.

To guard against abuse in the utilization of hospital services and facilities and to maximize the enjoyment of medicare benefits due to the patients in both hospital and professional care, there is hereby created in each hospital an Admitting Committee, headed by the Chief of Hospital with the

Chief Nurse and the Hospital Administrative Officer as member, the principal function of which is to screen admissions in the hospital.

This Order shall take effect on April 1, 1972.

All concerned are hereby enjoined to observe and follow strictly the provisions of this Order.

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