

The Devolution of Health Care

Under the new constitutional dispensation, Kenyan health care has been devolved to County Governments. This is recognized and embodied in the Health Act of 2015, which further recognizes the division of health care between the public and private sectors. Devolution effectively allows Counties to make their own health care delivery rules which are, however, in line with the national government's overall policy, which is guided and formulated by the Ministry of Health. Listed below are some of the functions devolved to County Governments:

- a. County health facilities
- b. Ambulance services
- c. Drug abuse control
- d. Veterinary services
- e. Cemeteries, crematoria and waste disposal

The national government still retains certain functions, some of which include:

- a. Referrals to national hospitals
- b. Financing of health care
- c. Major disease control
- d. Services by institutions such as the National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF), Kenya Medical Supplies Agency (KEMSA) and the Kenya Medical Training College (KMTTC), among others...