



## GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

### Abstract

Health & Family Welfare Department - Health Services - Establishment - Private practice by Government Doctors - Modified Guidelines - Issued.

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### HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (A) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms)No.214/2024/H&FWD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 31-08-2024

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Read 1 G.O(MS) No.270/2005/H&FWD Dated 25.10.2005.

2 G.O(MS) No.350/2023/H&FWD Dated 27.12.2023.

3 Letter No.EH1 - 2243/2024/DHS dated 22.06.2024 from the Director of Health Services, Thiruvananthapuram.

### ORDER

Government as per the Order read as 1<sup>st</sup> paper above have issued guidelines for private practice of Medical Officers in Government Service and made amendments as per Government Order read as 2<sup>nd</sup> paper above in conformity with provisions under the Government Servants Conduct Rules, 1960.

2)The Director of Health Services as per letter read as 3<sup>rd</sup> paper above recommended to review the norms of private practice and submitted proposal for revising the Government Orders read as 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> papers above.

3) Government examined the proposal forwarded by the Director of Health Services and are pleased to make following amendments :

(a) Para (2) (a) of the Order read as 2<sup>nd</sup> paper is withdrawn and Sl. No.(1) under Para (1) of the Government Order read as 1<sup>st</sup> paper above is restored.

(b) Para 2) (b) of the Order read as 2<sup>nd</sup> paper above is modified as "Government doctors shall not conduct private practice in the premises within one kilometer radius of the hospital where the doctor is presently working except when practicing in their own house or in government quarters of the hospital where he/she is working. Government doctors shall not make private practice in buildings constructed for commercial purposes or in a place which is attached with laboratories, scanning centers, medical institutions and pharmacies".

(c) Para (2) (c) of the Order read as 2<sup>nd</sup> paper above is modified as "The Medical Officer shall produce any of the documents such as Aadhaar card, Latest Electricity Bill/ Water Bill / Telephone Bill or Latest Building Tax Receipt if the building is owned by him and he is residing at that building. If none of these document is available, the Residence certificate issued by the Local Self Government Institution concerned where the building is located has to be produced. If the Medical Officer is doing practice in a rented building, the rent agreement as per rules shall be produced at the time of inspection/inquiry".

(d) Sl. No.4 under Para 1 of the Order read as 1<sup>st</sup> paper above is modified as "The Medical Officer should use only a bare minimum of equipments and devices to diagnose the illness. But the use of dental chair and some minimal equipments are allowed in case of Dental Doctors" .

(e) A Notice Board shall be displayed in the front area of the private practice place, notifying the conditions stipulated in Sl. No. (8) under para (1) of the Order read as 1<sup>st</sup> paper above.

(f) The Medical officer should not send patients from their private practice

to Government institutions/place of work, for any services like getting injection, administration of medicine, suturing, cleaning and dressing or any of such kind. Also the Doctors should not utilize the medicines and other facilities in the Government Hospitals during their private practice.

(g) A doctor should not conduct private practice in more than one place.

(h) Government doctors should not advertise their qualification/s and private practice information through media/social media, advertisement boards etc. They can exhibit their name boards as per the Medical/ Dental council norms and they also should exhibit a notice board in the private practicing place to the effect that "The relatives/friends of in-patients in the Government Hospital that the doctor is serving shall not come for consultation" .

(i) The private practice should be confined to their private practice place itself and should not utilize the Government institution/s or its mechanism in any manner.

4) The Government Order read as 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> paper above will stand modified to the above extent.

(By order of the Governor)

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