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REGULATIONS

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HEALTH FACILITIES LICENSING ACT

(Cap. 33:03)

IN EXERCISE OF THE POWERS CONFERRED UPON ME BY SECTION 29 OF THE HEALTH FACILITIES LICENSING ACT, I MAKE THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS: -

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PART I

PRELIMINARY

Citation.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Health Facilities (Regional Hospitals Management Committee) Regulations 2025.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations –

"Committee" means Management Committee appointed under regulation 3;

Schedule.

"hospital" means any Regional Hospital listed in the Schedule.

PART II

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE

Appointment of Committee.

3. The Minister may appoint a Committee for each hospital to enhance transparency, accountability and community participation in hospital governance.

Constitution of the Committee.

4. (1) The Committee of any hospital shall consist of nine members appointed by the Minister as follows–

(a) one member representing the Regional Democratic Council where the hospital is located;

(b) one member representing the Neighbourhood Democratic Council where the hospital is located;

(c) one member representing the private sector;

(d) one member representing the faith based community;

(e) three persons to be appointed by the Minister in the Minister's own deliberate judgment;

(f) the Medical Superintendent of the hospital, as an *ex-officio* member; and

(g) the Administrator of the hospital, as an *ex-officio* member.

(2) The Minister may appoint a member from the Committee to serve as the Secretary of the Committee.

Appointment of Chairperson.

5. (1) The Minister shall appoint a member from the Committee to serve as the Chairperson of the Committee.

(2) Where the Chairperson of the Committee is absent or unable to act, the members present at any meeting shall elect another member to serve as the Chairperson.

Tenure.

6. The members of the Committee shall hold office for a period of three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for another term.

Resignation.

7. A member may resign on giving one month's notice in writing to the Minister.

Vacancy in membership.

8. (1) Where a member of the Committee vacates his or her office before the expiration of their term, another person shall be appointed by the Minister to fill the existing vacancy.

(2) The office of a member shall become vacant where –

(a) the member has resigned under regulation 7;

(b) the member is absent without reasonable excuse from three consecutive meetings of the Committee of which the member has had notice;

(c) the member is for any reason unable or unfit to discharge the functions of the office of the member.

Names of members to be published.

9. The names of the members of the Committee as first constituted and every change in the membership shall be published in the *Gazette*.

Meetings.

10. (1) The Committee shall meet at least once every three months and shall hold their first meeting not later than one month after they have been appointed.

(2) At any meeting of the Committee five members shall form a quorum.

Minutes.

11. The Committee shall have accurate minutes kept of its meetings.

PART III

OBJECTIVES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

Objectives.

12. The objectives of the Committee are to –

(a) provide a structured mechanism for public participation in the monitoring and improvement of hospital services;

(b) promote transparency and accountability in the management of resources and services provided;

(c) ensure that rights, dignity and safety of patients are upheld;

(d) support continuous quality improvement with particular emphasis on frontline patient care;

(e) identify systemic issues affecting patient access, equity and service outcomes.

Functions of the Committee.

13. The functions of the Committee shall be to –

(a) conduct observational visits to wards, clinics and public areas of the hospital;

(b) monitor and evaluate the quality of service provided by the hospital;

(c) assess patient experience in relation to the services provided;

(d) assess issues related to waiting times, customer service, cleanliness and patient flow;

(e) record and review patient feedback and complaints;

(f) highlight and communicate the concerns and suggestions of patients to hospital management;

(g) facilitate regular and effective feedback between patients and hospital management;

(h) monitor the utilisation of resources and ensure compliance with applicable standards;

(i) track progress on public commitments and performance indicators relevant to public interests;

(j) promote awareness of patient rights and responsibilities;

(k) review hospital adherence to national policies on –

(i) patient safety;

(ii) accessibility;

(iii) disability inclusion;

(iv) infection prevention;

(v) and respectful care;

(l) provide practical, evidence-based recommendations to hospital management and the Minister; and

(m) follow up on any actions taken based on previous recommendations.

Visits to hospital.

14. (1) The Committee shall visit the hospital quarterly and may conduct additional visits as it considers necessary with each visit being conducted by not less than three members of the Committee.

(2) The Committee shall during any visit, have access to –

(a) all parts of the hospital; and

(b) patients receiving care at the hospital.

(3) When conducting visits to the hospital the Committee shall comply with any applicable law and requirements relating to patient safety, privacy, confidentiality and the efficient operation of the hospital.

(4) The Committee shall not, in the course of any visit, interfere with the provision of medical treatment to a patient or clinical decision-making of a health professional.

Directions of the Minister.

15. The Minister may give to the Committee any general or specific policy directives regarding the discharge of its functions under these Regulations as the Minister considers necessary or expedient and the Committee shall give effect to those directives.

Reports to the Minister.

16. The Committee in discharging its functions shall promptly report to the Minister any matter arising at the hospital which, in the opinion of the Committee, requires the immediate consideration or intervention of the Minister.

Annual report.

17. (1) The Committee shall not later than one month after the end of each calendar year, submit to the Minister a report on the performance of its functions during the preceding calendar year.

(2) An annual report submitted under subregulation (1) shall include–

(a) a summary of visits conducted by the Committee;

(b) issues identified in relation to patient care, service delivery or resource management; and

(c) recommendations made by the Committee.

SCHEDULE reg. 2

REGIONAL HOSPITALS

1. Diamond Regional Hospital
2. Enmore Regional Hospital
3. Bath Regional Hospital
4. De Kinderen Regional Hospital
5. Lima Regional Hospital
6. No. 75 Village Regional Hospital

Made this 29th day of December, 2025.

Hon. Dr Frank C.S. Anthony, MP

Minister of Health