

In the Name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Saudi Health Council

General Secretariat

Resolution No. (79/3)

Date: 7/1/1439

Subject: Inpatients not discharged from hospitals and those whose condition has stabilized .

The Saudi Health Council:

After reviewing the letter of His Excellency the Deputy Minister of Health for Health Affairs No. 438-550429 dated 5/3/1438 AH, which included that there were a large number of hospitalized patients and after completing the treatment and stabilizing their condition, hospitals could only evacuate them through correspondence between the hospital director and Other government agencies.

And after reviewing the preparatory committee, in its forty-fourth meeting, held on 12/19/1438 AH, of the recommendations of the committee formed from the health sectors, and the participation of a representative from the Ministry of Labor and Social Development to study the issue and review the proposals of the Advisory Council of King Fahd Medical City on the subject.

And after discussion of the issue by the members of the Council at the seventy-ninth meeting held on 1/7/1439 AH

The following was decided:

1. All health sectors must formulate the rights and duties of the patient and give them to the patient during his admission.
2. That all sectors have policies and procedures for communication between the doctor, the patient and his family to clarify the treatment, admission and discharge plan. These plans include the method of monitoring and ensuring their implementation and the commitment of the medical team to them.
3. Expanding home care programs as needed and supporting them from the trained workforce and the resources that help them fulfill their role.

4. To coordinate with the health centers near the patient's residence, in the event of any emergency, to provide the necessary medical assistance to him, and then be transferred to the hospital in which he is treated.
5. In the event that the patient who requires discharge from the hospital refuses, the following alternatives apply:
 - a. Going home with home care if needed.
 - B. Transferring the patient to one of the peripheral hospitals.
 - C. It is used in the emirate or province in the region to implement the alternatives mentioned above.
6. Expanding the establishment of convalescent hospitals or nursing homes under the umbrella of the various health sectors as needed.
7. Facilitate families of patients who wish to obtain nursing care to obtain a male nurse or home care nurse visa for free.
8. The Saudi Commission for Health Specialties is reviewing the requirements for professional classification and registration in home care nurses in a way that helps expand home care programs without affecting patient safety.

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