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The Supreme Council of Health

Resolution No. (26) for the year 2016

On the Evaluation and Accreditation of Private Hospitals

Chairman of the Supreme Council of Health

Upon perusal of:

Law No. (38) for the year 2009 on establishing the National Health Regulatory Authority, amended by Decree Law No. (32) for the year of 2015;

Decree Law No. (21) for the year 2015 on private health facilities; particularly Article 19 thereof;

Decree No. (5) for the year 2013 on establishing the Supreme Council of Health, as amended;

Resolution No. (7) for the year 2016 on the quality of health service standards and models for indicators measuring the performance of private health facilities, and

Resolution No. (20) for the year 2016 on determining the fees' categories for the private health facilities categories of fees, as well as

Upon the approval of the Supreme Council of Health, and

Based on the presentation of the CEO of the National Health Regulatory Authority,

Decided as follows:

Article I

For the purposes of implementing this resolution, the evaluation and accreditation standards issued by Resolution No. (7) for the year 2016 on the health services quality evaluation criteria and performance measurement indicators models for private health facilities, as published to the website of the National Health Regulatory Authority (the "**Authority**") shall be adopted, in terms of private hospitals.

Article II

Licensed private hospitals shall apply to the Authority for conducting the evaluation and accreditation upon payment of the annual evaluation fees stipulated in resolution No. (20) for the year 2016 on determining the private health facilities fees' categories, at least three months before the end of the license period, providing notifying the Authority with the evaluation and accreditation schedule.

Article III

Private hospitals are divided into four levels based on the evaluation criteria issued by the Authority and approved by the Supreme Council of Health. Each level of determined based on the cumulative total of grades achieved by the hospital, in light of the evaluation conducted by Authority based on those criteria, as follows:

1. Category (A) Diamond: Hospitals that achieve 95% or more of the total evaluation grades.
2. Category (B) Platinum: Hospitals that achieve no less than 90% and less than 95% of the total evaluation grades.
3. Category (C) Gold: Hospitals that achieve no less than 80% and less than 90% of the total evaluation grades.

4. Category (D) Silver: Hospitals that achieve no less than 70% and less than 08% of the total evaluation grades

Article IV

The evaluation process shall be conducted annually throughout the validity period of the accreditation. During the first year, the evaluation shall be comprehensive and its findings shall be approved and issued upon the degree of accreditation of the private hospital and shall be valid for three years.

The Authority shall follow up the said evaluation during the two years following the date of accreditation, subject to the payment of the annual evaluation fee, so as to ensure the hospital's continuous commitment to the obtained evaluation criteria.

Article V

A committee shall be established in the Authority to be called (Evaluation Accreditation and Technical Survey Committee), which formation, mechanism of work and appeal on its decision shall be determined by a Resolution of the Authority's CEO. That Committee shall undertake the evaluation accreditation tasks based on the criteria adopted in this regard.

The CEO may enlist the services of external experts and specialists in the membership of the Committee.

Article VI

Any licensed private hospital, in the event of inability to achieve 70% and above of evaluation grade, shall re-apply to the Authority upon payment of the prescribed fee, with a view to settle its situation within a maximum period of six months from the date of the first evaluation.

In case of the hospital's non-application or inability to achieve the required ratio in the second time, its license shall not be renewed.

Article VII

The Authority's CEO shall implement this Resolution and it shall take effect as of the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

Chairman of the Supreme Council of Health

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