

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
House of the Federation



REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES, REGULATIONS AND COORDINATION

ON

THE ISLAMABAD HEALTHCARE REGULATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025
INTRODUCED BY SENATOR MOHSIN AZIZ, IN THE SENATE SITTING HELD
ON 20TH JANUARY, 2025

REPORT NO. 7

PRESENTED BY

Senator Amir Waliuddin Chishti
Chairman
**Senate Standing Committee on National Health Services,
Regulations and Coordination**

SENATE SECRETARIAT

Subject: REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES, REGULATIONS AND COORDINATION ON THE ISLAMABAD HEALTHCARE REGULATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025 INTRODUCED BY SENATOR MOHSIN AZIZ, IN THE SENATE SITTING HELD ON 20TH JANUARY, 2025

I, Senator Amir Waliuddin Chishti, Chairman Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination have the honor to present, on behalf of Committee, this report on a Private Member's Bill titled "The Islamabad Healthcare Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 2025" introduced by Senator Mohsin Aziz, in the Senate sitting held on 20th January, 2025 referred to the Committee for consideration and report.

2. The composition of the Committee is as under:-

1. Senator Amir Waliuddin Chishti	Chairman
2. Senator Syedaal Khan (Deputy Chairman Senate)	Member
3. Senator Muhammad Ahad Khan Cheema (Minister for Economic Affairs)	Member
4. Senator Tallal Badar (Minister of State for Interior)	Member
5. Senator Abdul Qudoos	Member
6. Senator Syed Masroor Ahsan	Member
7. Senator Liaqat Khan Tarakai	Member
8. Senator Mohammad Humayun Mohmand	Member
9. Senator Irfan-ul-Haque Siddiqui	Member
10. Senator Ahmed Khan	Member
11. Senator Fawzia Arshad	Member
12. Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination	Ex-officio Member

3. The Committee took up the matter in its meetings held on 11th March and 24th April, 2025 which was attended by the following members along with the mover:

1 Senator Syed Masroor Ahsan	Member
2 Senator Irfan-ul-Haque Siddiqui	Member
3 Senator Fawzia Arshad	Member
4 Senator Palwasha Mohammad Zai Khan	Member
5 Senator Liaqat Khan Tarakai	Member
6 Senator Muhammad Humayun Mohmand	Member
7 Senator Mohsin Aziz	Mover
8 Minister of State for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination	Ex-officio Member

4. During the meeting of the Committee held on 21st August, 2025, the Chairman informed the Committee that the mover of the Bill had written a letter to him, stating that the Bill had earlier been taken up in the Committee's meetings held on 11th March and 24th April, 2025. On both occasions, the Ministry had noted that price control and regulation were already covered under S.R.O. 07(I)/2023 and had sought one month's time, assuring that a new framework for pricing would soon be finalized. The Committee had therefore deferred consideration of the Bill for further review.

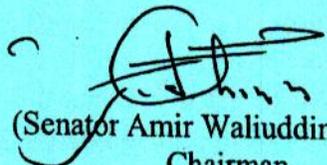


5. In light of these assurances and the Government's commitment to regulate and monitor the matter effectively, the mover has conceded to withdraw the Bill from the Senate Standing Committee and, thereafter, from the Senate.

6. After detailed discussion on the Bill in various Committee meetings, the mover conceded to withdraw the Bill under rule 115, of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, therefore the Committee unanimously decided not to pass the said Bill. Accordingly, the Committee recommends that "The Islamabad Healthcare Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 2025", as introduced in the Senate may not be passed by the House, (Copy of the Bill as introduced in the Senate is Annexed as "A").

7. Accordingly, the Committee recommended that the House may grant leave to the Member-in-Charge to withdraw "The Islamabad Healthcare Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 2025", in terms of Rule 115 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012. The Committee also granted permission for presentation of this report to the House.


(Naeem Akhtar Bhatti)
Secretary Committee


(Senator Amir Waliuddin Chishti)
Chairman

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further to amend the Islamabad Healthcare Regulation Act, 2018

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Islamabad Healthcare Regulation Act, 2018 (XXIII of 2018) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement. - (1) This Act may be called the Islamabad Healthcare Regulation (Amendment) Act, 2025.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 2, Act XXIII of 2018.- In the Islamabad Healthcare Regulation Act, 2018 (XXIII of 2018), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 2, after clause (xi), the following new clause shall be inserted, namely:-

"(xii) "diagnostic services" means medical tests, imaging scans, and other technical examinations of patients conducted in healthcare establishments to assist in the identification, monitoring, or management of illnesses, injuries, or health conditions."

3. Amendment of section 20, Act XXIII of 2018.- In the said Act, in section 20, in sub-section (3), for the word "malpractice" the expression "malpractice, charging diagnostic services fees higher than the determined range" shall be substituted.

4. Insertion of section 28A, Act XXIII of 2018.- In the said Act, after section 28, the following new section shall be inserted, namely:-

"28A. Regulation of diagnostic services fees.- (1) The Board shall, by notification in the official gazette, constitute a committee with the mandate to regulate and determine the fees range to be charged by the private healthcare establishments for all diagnostic services.

(2) The committee shall comprise of the following, namely:-

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| (a) Director General of Health. | Chairman |
| (b) Chief Executive Officer of Islamabad Healthcare Regulatory Authority. | Member |
| (c) District Health Officer, Islamabad. | Member |
| (d) two representatives of private healthcare establishments nominated by the Board. | Members |

(3) The committee shall determine the minimum and maximum fees range to be charged by the private healthcare establishments for all diagnostic services, whether it is basic test or specialized test, and shall notify for the general public in the prescribed and appropriate manner:

Provided that if in the opinion of the committee, there is no need to determine the minimum fees range for any diagnostic services, the committee shall determine only the maximum fees range.

(4) The committee shall, after every six months, review the fees range to be charged by the private healthcare establishments for all diagnostic services.

(5) No private healthcare establishment shall charge fees higher than the determined range for all diagnostic services."

5. Amendment of section 30, Act XXIII of 2018.— In the said Act, in section 30, after sub-section (3), the following new sub-section shall be added, namely:—

"(4) Whoever charges diagnostic service fees exceeding the prescribed range shall be liable to a fine of one hundred thousand rupees for the first violation. For a second violation, the fine shall be two hundred thousand rupees, which may be extended up to three hundred thousand rupees. In the event of a third violation, fine of three hundred thousand rupees along with sealing of health care establishment and cancellation of license or with both."

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The fees for diagnostic services in private healthcare establishments in Islamabad have been remained unchecked due to the absence of a regulatory mechanism. As a result, there is a significant disparity in the fees charged across various private healthcare establishments.

2. This amendment aims to regulate the fees structure of diagnostic services in private healthcare establishments in Islamabad. This amendment will ensure uniformity in the fees of diagnostic services. The amendment will reduce disparities in the diagnostic services fees charged by the private healthcare establishments, will make healthcare services more affordable for poor people, and will eliminate exploitative diagnostic services fees in private healthcare establishments.

3. The Bill has been designed to achieve the aforesaid objectives.

**SENATOR MOHSIN AZIZ
MEMBER-IN-CHARGE**