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Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Profession

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The term "**Paramedical**" has long been used to describe various healthcare-related professions that provide support services in healthcare delivery. However, with the enactment of the **National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP) Act, 2021**, the term "**Allied and Healthcare**" has been formally adopted to define, standardize, and recognize these professions under a unified framework.

2. In view of the above and for the purpose of **ensuring uniformity, standard terminology and alignment with the provisions of the NCAHP Act, 2021**, it is recommended by the Commission to implement the followings:

- a) **All State Governments, Union Territories and relevant Universities / Institutions are recommended to discontinue the use of the term "Paramedical"** in all official correspondence, communications, policies, advertisements, training programmes, institutional titles, recruitment notifications, educational materials and any other Government-related documents or portals.
- b) The term "**Allied and Healthcare**" as defined under Section 2 (b), (c), (d), (e) and (j) of the **NCAHP Act, 2021** shall **be used henceforth in place of "Paramedical"** in all forms of usage (verbal, written or electronic).
- c) The Health Departments of the States/UTs are requested to communicate this to all concerned authorities, institutions and stakeholders under their jurisdiction and ensure necessary compliance at the earliest.

3. This is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.


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Copy to:

1. Chairpersons of State Allied and Healthcare Councils
2. Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary / Secretary (Health) of all States/ UTs

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Additional Secretary (AHS), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.

LIST OF ALLIED AND HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

The Allied and Healthcare professions to be considered under this bill are as listed below. *

A. Healthcare Professions

1. Optometry
2. Physiotherapy
3. Occupational Therapy
4. Nutrition Sciences
5. Physician Associate and Assistants

B. Allied Health Professions

6. Cardiology, vascular and pulmonary Technology
7. Medical Laboratory Sciences
8. Medical Radiology and Imaging Technology
9. Neurosciences Technology
10. Non- direct and Administrative services
11. Primary Care and community services
12. Radiation Therapy
13. Renal Technology
14. Surgical and anesthesia related technology
15. Trauma Care Services

The above mentioned groups account for over 44 job profiles in the allied and healthcare space, which are as follows-

A. Healthcare Professions

1. Optometry
 - a. Optometrist
2. Physiotherapy
 - a. Physiotherapist
3. Occupational Therapy
 - a. Occupational Therapist
4. Nutrition Sciences
 - a. Nutritionist
 - b. Dietitian
5. Physician Associate and Assistants
 - a. Physician Associates and Assistants

B. Allied Health Professions

6. Surgical and anesthesia related technology
 - a. Anesthesia assistants and technologist
 - b. OT technologist
 - c. Endoscopy technologist
7. Medical Laboratory Sciences
 - a. Cyto-technologist
 - b. Dermatology/STD /leprosy lab technologist
 - c. Forensic technologist

- d. Hemato-technologist
 - e. Histo-pathologist
 - f. Phlebotomist
 - g. Medical and clinical lab technologist
- 8. Medical Radiology and Imaging Technology
 - a. Radiographer
 - b. Radiologic /Imaging technologist
 - c. Diagnostic Medical sonographer
- 9. Renal Technology
 - a. Urology technologist
 - b. Dialysis Therapist
- 10. Radiation Therapy
 - a. Radiation Therapist
 - b. Medical dosimetrist
 - c. Nuclear medicine technologist
- 11. Trauma Care Services
 - a. Emergency medical technologist (paramedic)
 - b. Critical care/ICU technologist
- 12. Neurosciences Technology
 - a. EEG/END technologist
 - b. EMG technologist
 - c. Neuro lab technologist
 - d. Sleep lab technologist
- 13. Cardiology, vascular and pulmonary Technology
 - a. Cardiovascular technologist
 - b. ECG technologist
 - c. ECHO technologist
 - d. Perfusionist
 - e. Pulmonary function (PFT) technologist
 - f. Respiratory therapist
- 14. Non- direct and Administrative services
 - a. Biomedical engineers and technologist
 - b. Medical assistant
 - c. Medical secretaries
 - d. Medical transcriptionist
 - e. Health Management Information System Managers
- 15. Primary Care and community services
 - a. Blood bank technologist
 - b. Counselor- Integrated Behavioral Health Counselors, Palliative counselors etc.
 - c. Sanitary Health Inspectors

*** NOTE: Additions / Removals from this list is proposed to be done through Rules to be framed in this regard by the Central Government.**