Notice on Further Improving Policy Interpretation for the Alignment and Implementation of the Guidelines for the Establishment of Medical Service Pricing Items[1]

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To the Medical Security Bureaus of all Provinces, Autonomous Regions, Municipalities directly under the Central Government and the Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps:

In order to facilitate the orderly implementation of the Guidelines for the Establishment of Medical Service Pricing Items and to guide medical institutions in accurately understanding and implementing the newly established pricing items, the following Notice is hereby issued concerning the organization and conduct of policy-interpretation training for medical service pricing items.

1. **Organize and conduct provincial and municipal level training in an orderly manner.**

Provincial Medical Security Bureaus shall attach high importance to training on the interpretation of policies concerning medical service pricing items within their jurisdictions and shall fulfil their primary responsibilities for the administration of medical service pricing. Prior to the implementation of each batch of new pricing items, provincial bureaus shall provide policy-interpretation briefings to municipal-level medical security authorities and to provincial medical institutions, and shall direct municipal-level medical security authorities to provide corresponding policy-interpretation briefings to local medical institutions. Policy interpretation shall be conducted through a combination of online and offline modalities. Each provincial medical security authority shall establish on its official website and official WeChat account a dedicated "Medical Service Pricing Policy Q&A" column to receive inquiries from medical institutions and other stakeholders, to examine such inquiries carefully, and to provide timely and accurate responses so as to clarify the boundaries of pricing and chargeable items.

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2. **Preparation and issuance of local explanatory materials.**

Provincial Medical Security Bureaus shall, with reference to the explanatory and instructional materials issued by the National Healthcare Security Administration in relation to the Guidelines for the Establishment of Medical Service Pricing Items, and taking into account local circumstances concerning project establishment, price formulation and item mapping relationships, prepare and finalize explanatory materials on medical service pricing policy for their respective jurisdictions. Such materials shall be promptly disseminated to municipal-level medical security authorities and to medical institutions. During the course of policy implementation, the explanatory materials shall be dynamically updated and refined in response to feedback and suggestions from medical institutions and other stakeholders. Provincial bureaus shall instruct municipal-level medical security authorities to utilize the provincial explanatory materials in responding to queries. Questions relating to the national Guidelines for the Establishment of Medical Service Pricing Items shall be compiled and, after proposing reference answers, submitted to the Price and Procurement Division of the National Healthcare Security Administration for authoritative clarification.

3. **Fully leverage the role of industry associations and the media.**

Medical security authorities at all levels shall, with due regard to the differing needs of medical institutions, the medical industry and the general public, carry out targeted publicity and interpretative activities, including policy interpretation, industry-specific interpretation and general educational interpretation. Make full use of official websites, official WeChat accounts and other media platforms; innovate methods of dissemination and interpretation; encourage the production of recorded explanatory courses, the issuance of concise "one-page" explanatory graphics, and the preparation of comparative tables between new and former pricing items, so as to broaden and deepen outreach. Fully utilize the role of industry associations, which may be commissioned to conduct training activities to better consolidate expert consensus. Support and encourage the provision of "train-the-trainer" programmes through trade media to disseminate the official interpretative stance with precision, expand the scope of coverage and cultivate a favourable public environment.

4. **Summarize and promote experience in policy interpretation.**

Provincial Medical Security Bureaus shall, in the second half of 2026, fully complete the training activities concerning the local implementation and alignment of the already-published Guidelines for the Establishment of Medical Service Pricing Items. Provincial bureaus shall promptly compile and submit reports summarizing their regional experience in conducting policy-interpretation training. The National Healthcare Security Administration will select exemplary cases and practicable, replicable approaches for wider dissemination and will circulate such selected practices to other jurisdictions for reference and emulation.

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