

The PHFS Act (1998) and Regulations (2006) – an update

The STAR – Sunday, Sept 17, 2006. It has been about four months since the Private Healthcare Facilities And Services (PHSF) Act 1998 And Regulations (2006) has come into force. The various dialogue between the Health Ministry the Federation of Private Medical Practitioners' Association of Malaysia (FPMPAM) and other relevant stakeholders have culminated in a relatively easy registration process for private medical practitioners.

For existing clinics (before May 1, 2006), registration can be made using Form A or online at <http://medpcs.moh.gov.my>. Duplicate copies of duly certified documents required include: -

- i) Annual Practicing Certificate**
- ii) Professional & or Specialist qualifications**
- iii) Assessment rate receipt**
- iv) A sketch plan that includes dimensions of physical structures**
- v) Contracts with any Managed Care Organization if available**

The Clinical Manual and Standard Operating procedure (CMSOP)

FPMPAM in conjunction with the Health Ministry has produced the Clinical Manual and Standard Operating Procedures (CMSOP) which was officially launched by the Health Minister on September 11 at the Marriot Hotel, Putrajaya.

The CMSOP will help private clinics streamline its administration almost immediately and to enable it to deliver better services to the patient while complying with the Act.

Four thousand copies will initially be distributed at cost to doctors via the individual state private practitioners associations that are members of the FPMPAM, with additional copies to be printed for distribution to all doctors. Each book priced RM25 which covers the cost of its printing and production.