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SOME LEGAL PROBLEMS IN THE PROVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES IN THE DIRECTION OF TRADITIONAL MEDICINE IN THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN AND THEIR SOLUTIONS

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Annotation
The article highlights measures to develop and regulate traditional medicine in Uzbekistan, its legal framework, and role in healthcare. It also notes the introduction of liability for unauthorized practices to protect public health.

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Currently, measures are being taken in our country to preserve and improve the health of the population, prevent and treat diseases, as well as create conditions for ensuring the health and well-being of people.

The body of empirical knowledge accumulated by our medical scholars and people over the centuries, used in the diagnosis and treatment of diseases, and passed down from generation to generation, is recognized as folk medicine. Currently, folk medicine is becoming increasingly popular in many developed and developing countries in our country. One of the main reasons why people turn to doctors is the affordability of the fees they are paid.

In order to regulate the activities of folk medicine, effectively use the accumulated experience and potential, form a regulatory and legal framework in this area, and create conditions for the effective and safe use of the methods and achievements of folk medicine, the Resolution of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. PP-3968 dated October 12, 2018 “On measures to regulate the sphere of folk medicine in the Republic of Uzbekistan” was adopted.

Paragraph 1 of this resolution recognized folk medicine as an additional method of providing medical care to the population. At the same time, medical education was no longer required for persons wishing to provide medical services using the method of folk medicine.

The resolution introduced a special training cycle on folk medicine in higher medical institutions of the republic, organized a department of folk medicine and a refresher course in the direction of "Folk medicine" at the Tashkent Institute of Advanced Training of Doctors, and "Folk medicine" was recognized as a medical specialty.

By the Resolution of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. PP-4668 dated April 10, 2020 “On additional measures for the development of folk medicine in the Republic of Uzbekistan”, the Republican Scientific and Practical Center of Folk Medicine was established. In order to train persons without medical education to provide medical services using folk medicine

methods, the Regulation “On the Procedure for Admission of Students to Folk Medicine Development Centers and Certification of Graduates” was approved by the Order of the Minister of Health of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 7 dated April 3, 2023 and was registered by the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan on April 7, 2023 under number 3426. At the same time, although the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On the Protection of Citizens' Health” stipulates that only permitted methods of diagnosis and treatment should be used in healthcare practice, the legislation does not provide for liability measures for providing medical care using unauthorized methods of diagnosis and treatment. As a result, some individuals are providing services for diagnosing and treating diseases using unauthorized methods, including methods not related to folk medicine, in exchange for receiving material values or property benefits, thereby endangering human health and life. They are also advertising their services on the Internet, social networks and other mass media without any restrictions.

Therefore, the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. ZURQ-991 dated 05.11.2024 "On Amendments and Additions to Certain Legislative Acts of the Republic of Uzbekistan" was developed and adopted. This Law establishes administrative liability for the provision of medical diagnosis and treatment services to citizens by a person who does not have the right to engage in activities in the field of folk medicine, as well as for the provision of services in the field of folk medicine using unauthorized methods for receiving material values or property benefits. At the same time, administrative liability is established for the promotion of these services to the public. In addition, the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On Advertising" has been supplemented with a norm prohibiting the advertising of medical diagnostics and treatment services to citizens using unauthorized methods in the field of folk medicine.

This Law serves to ensure the health of citizens by preventing the provision of services to the population by persons who do not have the right to engage in activities in the field of folk medicine, as well as the provision of services using unauthorized methods in the field of folk medicine.

If analyzed, the specialty of folk medicine is more universal in nature than other specialties. Although folk medicine is recognized as a medical specialty, the diagnostic and treatment standards for this specialty are not sufficiently developed. In order to recognize folk medicine as a medical specialty of a universal nature, it is necessary to fully form and implement the standards for the provision of medical services in this specialty.