

FREE INTEGRATED MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CARE BILL 2016

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# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FREE INTEGRATED MATERNAL, NEWBORN AND CHILD HEALTH CARE PROGRAMME FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN ALL GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED MEDICAL FACILITIES AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

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[ ] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows:

1           1.-(i) There shall be provided by the Government Free Integrated  
2 Maternal and Child Health Care Programme (hereinafter referred to as the  
3 “Program”) in all the government sponsored health care facilities;

Provisions and funding of free maternal and child health care programme

4           (ii) Government of the Federation shall in each annual budget  
5 appropriate funds generally for the Programme while States and Local  
6 Governments shall appropriate and provide counterpart funding as may be  
7 agreed for the execution of the programme in their respective jurisdiction.

8           2.-(i) For the purpose of successful implementation of the  
9 programme, government shall provide at least one General Hospital in each  
10 Local Government, one Primary Health Clinic in each ward and a Health  
11 Post in each village;

Provision of health facilities, drugs, equipments and services

12           (ii) The health facilities established under subsection (i) above  
13 shall be provided with all drugs, equipments, and services needed for the  
14 successful implementation of the programme as provided in the first and  
15 second schedule to this Bill and subject to review from time to time by the  
16 Minister.

17           3. Nothing in this Bill shall be construed as precluding the  
18 Development Partners, Private Sector, Non-Governmental Organizations  
19 (NGO), Community Development Associations or any other Volunteer from

Private sector participation

1 participating and giving support to the Programme. Except that approval for  
2 such participation and support shall first be sought and obtained from the  
3 Minister.

Duties of the  
Ministry

4 4. It shall be the duty of the Ministry:

5 (a) To set guidelines for the operation of the Free Integrated maternal  
6 and Child Health Care Programme;

7 (b) To co-ordinate the monitoring and evaluation of the programme at  
8 all levels;

9 (c) To regulate the activities of supporting bodies in respect of the  
10 program;

11 (d) To determine the structure of the health facilities. To ensure that  
12 government provides all the drugs, equipments and services listed in the  
13 schedules to this bill.

Meeting of state  
council on health

14 5. Every State council on health shall meet at least once in a year to  
15 assess the level of implementation of the programme in their respective states.

Duties of the  
Ministry for  
Local Government

16 6. The Ministry of Local Government of a State shall:

17 (a) Ensure implementation of the programme at the Local  
18 Government level;

19 (b) In collaboration with the State Ministry of Health monitor and  
20 evaluate the programme at the Local Government level.

Offences

21 7. Any person who sells drugs or equipments meant for the  
22 programme or charges fees for services rendered under the program shall be  
23 guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding ten  
24 thousand naira or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or both  
25 such fine and imprisonment.

Interpretation

26 8. In this Bill unless the context otherwise requires:

27 "Government" means Federal State and Local Government;

28 "Free Maternal Health Care Programme" means provision of health care  
29 services to pregnant Women from conception to six weeks after delivery  
30 without any consideration of financial or material gain;

1 "Maternal Health" means a state of complete physical, mental and social  
2 well being of a Women in all matters relating to her antenatal, delivery and  
3 postnatal period (from birth to six weeks after delivery);

4 "Maternal Mortality" means the death of women during pregnancy, labour,  
5 within six weeks after delivery or complications resulting from child birth;

6 "Under five" means a child below five years of age;

7 "Minister" means Minister of the Federation charged with health matters;

8 "Ministry" Means Federal Ministry of Health;

9 "Facilities" means government owned primary, secondary and tertiary  
10 health institutions;

11 "antenatal Care" means the preventive health care services given to pregnant  
12 women before delivery;

13 "IMCI" Means Integrated Management of Childhood diseases.

14 9. This Bill may be cited as Free Integrated Maternal and Child Citation  
15 Health Care Bill, 2016.

#### 16 FIRST SCHEDULE

#### 17 MATERNAL SERVICES

18 (a) Registration cards folders and related stationeries;

19 (b) Medical consultations;

20 (c) Basic laboratory investigations urinalysis packed Cell Volume  
21 (PCV), including HIV screening;

22 (d) Ultrasound scanning at General Hospitals;

23 (e) Routine ANC drugs (Haematinics Intermittant Preventive  
24 Therapy (IPT) for malaria prevention, antacids) and equipments  
25 (Sphygmomanometers stethoscopes fetal stethoscope measuring tapes  
26 vernier calipers adult weighing scale and height measuring ruler);

27 (f) Normal delivery: Delivery drugs and consumables like  
28 oxytocin uterotonics, sanitary pads razor blades, cord ligatures soap and  
29 polythene bags;

30 (g) Instrumental deliveries (forceps and caeuum);

- 1 (h) Post delivery drugs like antibiotics and analgesics;
- 2 (i) Reproductive health services;
- 3 (j) Surgical operative deliveries (caesarian sections, caesarian
- 4 hysterectomy, laparotomy for ruptured uterus manual removal of placenta
- 5 repair of episiotomy repair of cervical lacerations and uterine evacuations and
- 6 destructive procedures);
- 7 (k) Management of ectopic pregnancy;
- 8 (l) Post operative drugs like antibiotics, analgesics, Intravenous
- 9 fluids, catheters, urine bags and dressing materials;
- 10 (m) Manual vacuum aspiration for miscarriages;
- 11 (n) Drugs and equipments for management of miscarriages;
- 12 (o) Comprehensive treatment for pre Eclampsia and Eclampsia with
- 13 antihypertensives, Magnesium Sulphate regimen, and or tranquilizers;
- 14 (p) Management of VesicoVaginal and Rector Vaginal Fistulae;
- 15 (q) Blood grouping and cross matching including blood bags and
- 16 blood giving set;
- 17 (r) Tetanus Immunization;
- 18 (s) Prevention of Maternal to Child Transmission of HIV /AIDS
- 19 (PMTCT);
- 20 (t) Management of complications of operative deliveries.

## SECOND SCHEDULE

## NEWBORN AND UNDER FIVES (CHILD HEALTH SERVICES IMCI)

- 23 (a) Registration cards, folders and related stationeries;
- 24 (b) Medical consultations;
- 25 (c) Management of respiratory track infections including
- 26 tuberculosis;
- 27 (d) Management of diarrheal diseases (IMCIOprotoco);
- 28 (e) Provision of Oral Rehydration Solution (ORS);
- 29 (f) Provision of basic antibiotics (Penicillins, chloramphenicol,
- 30 septrin and gentamycin;

- 1 (g) Management of Acute and Severe Malaria. (Atimisinin  
2 Combination Therapy, Acr, Quinine, chloroquine injections, fansidar and  
3 antipyretics);
- 4 (h) Management of Measles and its complications-Vitamin A,  
5 Tetracycline/Chlorophenicol, Eye Ointments, Gentian Violet (GV),  
6 antibiotics and antipyretics.
- 7 (i) Blood grouping and cross matching, screening, blood bags and  
8 blood giving sets;
- 9 (j) Emergency X-rays and basic laboratory investigations. Packed  
10 Cell Volume (PCV), LMPs, urinalysis, Cerebra Spinal Fluid (CSF)-  
11 Microscopy Culture and Sensitivity (MCS) urine and stool (MCS);
- 12 (k) Management of Malnutrition with special diet (high calories  
13 diet) and Kwarsh pap;
- 14 (l) Routine Immunizations;
- 15 (m) Treatment of common Childhood Illnesses;
- 16 (n) Management of pediatric emergencies (Birth asphyxia and  
17 trauma, management of serious infections, management of the Low Birth  
18 Weight infants, pre-maturity, imperforate anus and intestinal obstruction).
- 19 (o) Mucus extractor;
- 20 (p) Management of febrile convulsions;
- 21 (q) Anti-convulsants (diazepam, paraldehyde and phenobarbitone  
22 injections);
- 23 (r) Management of Neonatal Infections;
- 24 (s) Management of Neonatal jaundice;
- 25 (t) Provision of intravenous fluid (50% dextrose, Ringer's lactate.."  
26 strength Darrows, Normal and pediatrics saline);
- 27 (u) Provision of (Canulae, Scalp vein needless, Nasa Gastric tubes  
28 and syringes of various sizes);
- 29 (v) Provision of aminophyline, adrenaline and hydrocortisone  
30 injections;

- 1 (w) Provision of baby incubators, phototherapy lamp, radiant heaters,
- 2 baby and toddlers weighing scales, Nebulizers and nebulers. Suction machines
- 3 and oxygen concentrators;
- 4 (x) Management of burns;
- 5 (y) Anti Retroviral Therapy (ART) for Children;
- 6 (z) Management of Sickle Cell Disease.

#### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This bill seeks to provide for free integrated maternal and child health care to cover women from conception to six weeks after delivery and children who are under the age of five years to ensure that deaths arising from pregnancy and early childhood diseases are reduced to the barest minimum in the country.