

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO MAKE HEALTH CARE SERVICES DELIVERY FREE FOR ALL
CHILDREN IN NIGERIA AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2021

Sponsored by Hon. Bello A. Kooje

[] Commencement

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

1 1. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any Act,
2 or in any other enactment or Law, the provisions of this Act shall apply to all
3 matters pertaining to health care services to children in Nigeria.

Application of
the Bill

4 2. -(1) All health care services delivery to children in Nigeria shall
5 be free.

Free Health Care
Services for
Children

6 (2) The health care services in section 2(1) shall include diagnoses,
7 treatment, prevention of illness and other physical and mental impairment in
8 children in Nigeria.

9 3.-(1) The services shall be rendered by the Government Hospitals
10 in Nigeria.

11 (2) The services shall cover referral cases of children from other
12 State, Local Government hospitals or any other private hospitals in Nigeria.

13 4. Upon commencement of this Act, the Federal Ministry of
14 Health shall:

Monitoring and
implementation
of the Bill

15 (a) Make definite procedures, guidelines as well as monitor and
16 implement the provisions of this Act;

17 (b) Take the lead by coordinating free health care services delivery
18 to the children in Nigeria;

19 (c) Ensure transparency and accountability in free health care
20 services delivery to the children in Nigeria.

Interpretation

- 1 5. In this Act, unless the content otherwise requires:
- 2 "Health Care Services" means diagnosis, treatment, prevention of illness and
- 3 other physical and mental impairments in children in Nigeria;
- 4 "Free" means health care services rendered to children in Nigeria without
- 5 collecting any money from them or their parents or guardians or relatives or
- 6 good Samaritans;
- 7 "Children" means human beings between the ages of 0 and 18;
- 8 "Referral" means an act of referring children for consultation review or further
- 9 action in other hospitals;
- 10 "Government Hospitals" means Federal Government hospitals including
- 11 Teaching Hospital in Nigeria;
- 12 "State Government Hospitals" means State Government Hospitals including
- 13 Teaching Hospitals in Nigeria;
- 14 "Local Government Hospitals" means Hospitals owned by the Local
- 15 Government Areas in Nigeria;
- 16 "Private Hospitals" means all licensed private hospitals in Nigeria.

Short title

- 17 6. This Bill may be cited as Free Health Care Services Delivery to
- 18 Children in Nigerian Bill, 2021.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to make Health Care Services Delivery to children in Nigeria free.