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Private sector engagement for advancing universal health coverage

The Regional Committee,

Having discussed the technical paper on private sector engagement for advancing universal health coverage;¹

Recalling resolutions WHA69.24 on strengthening integrated people-centred health services, EM/RC60/R.2 on universal health coverage and EM/RC63/R.2 on scaling up family practice: progressing towards universal health coverage;

Mindful of the diversity and growth of the private health sector, the broad range of services it offers, its concentration in urban centers and challenges with respect to appropriateness, quality and affordability of the products and services it supplies;

Recognizing the critical importance of government's role in effective regulation of the private health sector;

Emphasizing the need to strengthen family practice-based primary health care and the importance of engaging private health providers at primary health care level;

Recognizing also the key elements of WHO's comprehensive approach to universal health coverage, including the need for wide-ranging partnerships with various stakeholders including the private health sector to progress towards universal health coverage, taking into account the WHO Framework of Engagement with Non-State Actors (FENSA) where applicable, ;

1. **ENDORSES** the framework for action on effective engagement with the private health sector;
2. **CALLS ON** Member States to:
 - 2.1 Incorporate effective engagement with the private sector for service delivery into their national policy, strategies and plans towards achieving universal health coverage;
 - 2.2 Strengthen the capacity of ministries of health to design, manage, monitor and evaluate effective engagement with the private sector for health service delivery;
 - 2.3 Encourage contracting private health sector providers, including through strategic purchasing options and different financial protection arrangements, to deliver a universal health coverage priority benefits package;

¹ EM/RC65/8

- 2.4 Implement the framework for action on effective engagement with the private health sector, and move towards partnership as a continuum of engagement;
- 2.5 Estimate the cost of essential health services packages in order to deliver these through public and private providers;
- 2.6 Ensure the quality and safety of health services by setting appropriate quality standards that all service providers, including private providers, must meet, and establishing and monitoring appropriately resourced quality assurance systems for health services;
- 2.7 Establish health information systems linked with existing national health information systems to ensure data on service delivery, performance, key outcomes and notifiable diseases are appropriately captured;

3. REQUESTS the Regional Director to:

- 3.1 Provide technical support to Member States to establish and strengthen effective engagement with the private sector for service delivery;
- 3.2 Support assessments to identify challenges and opportunities related to the engagement of private care providers in service delivery in order to develop strategic action plans for effective partnership towards achieving universal health coverage;
- 3.3 Report on progress in implementing this resolution to the 67th and 69th sessions of the Regional Committee.