

KOREAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION



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Medical Personnel License Reporting System

The medical personnel license reporting system, which requires all medical personnel to report his/her status and employment situation to the Minister of Health and Welfare every 3 years, was implemented last April. Professional organizations such as KMA have been delegated with the work of receiving the reports on behalf of the Ministry.

Anyone who does not report could have his/her license suspended until reporting requirements are met. Basic personal information, employment situation, place and area of work and whether continuing education requirements are fulfilled are some of the specific facts to be reported.

The reporting system is expected to improve qualification management as well as continuing education rates, which will improve quality of medical service and raise public trust upon medical professionals. KMA also will benefit by obtaining more up-to-date information regarding members and gaining a stronger position as the continuing education management body.

Law to Prevent Violence Against Medical Professionals

The so-called “Law to Prevent Violence against Medical Professionals” was proposed last December in the National Assembly and is currently on a review process. This bill demands that violence or threats against medical personnel be punished with a jail sentence of 5 years or less or a fine of 20 million won or less.

Once the law is adopted, we expect violence against medical personnel and violence in places

like the emergency room will decrease significantly. The purpose of the bill is not to treat medical personnel differently from others. The aggravated punishment is intended to ultimately protect the public.

This law needs to be adopted quickly not just for the sake of all medical personnel exposed to violence everyday without proper protection, but also for everyone who use hospitals and receive treatment from medical personnel. I hope the National Assembly adopts it as soon as possible.

Supports “Rice of Love” to the Visually Challenged

KMA signed an MOU with the Korea Blind Union last May and agreed to provide rice to support the visually challenged facing economic difficulties.

As reported in last year’s country report, KMA has been leading the “Good Hands” campaign to encourage physicians to take the initiative in creating a bright and healthy society by eliminating negative aspect of society and by leading a social reform movement. This relationship with the Korea Blind Union is a part of this larger campaign.

In Korea, the custom is to send tall elaborate flower arrangements to congratulate various events and ceremonies. KMA has encouraged its members and relevant organization to receive rice donations instead of flowers and was able to deliver about 500kg of rice collected from its members to the Korea Blind Union. The rice will be distributed to those in need in the Seoul area through the Korea Blind Union. KMA plans to continue to collect rice donations from its members to support KBU.

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KMA hopes that by donating rice instead of flower arrangements, physicians become better aware of those in need and motivated to do more in terms of the “giving and sharing” movement.

It is very encouraging that many medical organizations in Korea have agreed to also join the rice donation movement.

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1. Medical personnel license reporting system

- All medical personnel should report his/her status and employment situation to the Minister of Health and Welfare
- KMA have been delegated with the work of receiving the reports on behalf of the Ministry.
- Fulfilling continuing medical education is a must for reporting.
- Anyone who does not report could have his/her license suspended until reporting requirements are met.

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1. Medical personnel license reporting system

Reporting Every 3 years

Individual physician

- ✓ Basic personal information
- ✓ Employment situation
- ✓ Place and area of work
- ✓ Whether continuing education requirements are fulfilled

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1. Medical personnel license reporting system

Expectation

- Improving qualification management of medical personnel as well as continuing education rates
- Improving quality of medical service and raising public trust in medical professionals
- For KMA, obtaining more up-to-date information regarding members and gaining a stronger position as the continuing education management body

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1. Medical personnel license reporting system

- Reporting rate for this year: as of April 28, 2013 (reporting deadline) a total of 93,446 physicians (87.6% of the total license holders of 106,659) completed reporting.
- For the remaining 14%, who did not report, KMA is working with the Ministry so that they will not be penalized by having their licenses suspended.

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1. Medical personnel license reporting system

- KMA's proposal for further improving the system
 - Simplifying the current triple reporting requirement into a single reporting to KMA for opening a medical institution

**** Current system**
if a physician wants to open a medical institution, he/she needs to report the plans to

- ① health Insurance Review and Assessment Service
- ② local health office
- ③ newly introduced license reporting.

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2. Law to prevent violence against medical professionals

The bill demands that violence or threats against medical personnel be punished with a jail sentence of 5 years or less or a fine of 20,000 dollars or less (aggravated punishment)

It was proposed December 2012 in the National Assembly and is currently on a review process.

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2. Law to prevent violence against medical professionals

Survey by KMA (Feb. 2013)

- 63% replied that they experienced violence against physicians, nurses or staff or property destruction in their consultation rooms.
- 95% of the respondents had experienced verbal intimidation that made normal treatment impossible.

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2. Law to prevent violence against medical professionals

Purpose of the bill : Protection the Public not to treat medical personnel differently from others

The bill needs to be adopted quickly not just for the sake of all medical personnel, but also for everyone who use hospital and receive treatment

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3. Supports "Rice of Love" to the visually challenged

Signing an MOU with the Korea Blind Union (May 2013)

- Provision of rice to support the visually challenged facing economic difficulties

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3. Supports "Rice of Love" to the visually challenged

KMA's "Good Hands Campaign" (starting from 2012)

- Encouraging physicians to take the initiative in creating a bright and healthy society by
 - Eliminating negative aspect of society
 - Leading a social reform movement




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3. Supports "Rice of Love" to the visually challenged

"Rice of Love" donation

- In Korea, the custom is to send tall elaborate flower arrangements to congratulate various events and Ceremonies
- KMA is encouraging giving and receiving rice instead of this custom by using so-called "rice flower arrangement"



"Rice flower arrangements"

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3. Supports "Rice of Love" to the visually challenged

- KMA was able to deliver about 500Kg of rice collected to the Korea Blind Union
- Many medical organizations have agreed to also join the rice donation movement



KMA staff are delivering "Rice of Love" to a visually challenged

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Thank you.

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