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PUBLIC NOTICE

Physiotherapy Professionals and Occupational Therapy Professionals are covered under category 3 and 6 respectively in the Schedule of National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP), Act 2021.

As per the Category 3, (Physiotherapist, ISCO Code -2264) under the Schedule of the Act, *Physiotherapy Professional is a person who practices physiotherapy by undertaking comprehensive examination and appropriate investigation, provides treatment and advice to any persons preparatory to or for the purpose of or in connection with movement or functional dysfunction, malfunction, disorder, disability, healing and pain from trauma and disease, using physical modalities including exercise, mobilization, manipulations, electrical and thermal agents and other electro therapeutics for prevention, screening, diagnosis, treatment, health promotion and fitness. The physiotherapist can practice independently or as a part of a multi-disciplinary team and has a minimum qualification of a baccalaureate degree.*

And as per Category 6 (Occupational Therapist, ISCO Code-2269), under the Schedule of the Act, *Occupational Therapy Professional is a person who delivers client-centred services concerned with promoting health and well-being through occupation to enable people to participate in the activities of everyday life, which includes professionals such as Occupational Therapists who achieve this outcome by working with people and communities to enhance their ability to engage in the occupations they are expected to do, or by modifying the occupation or the environment to better support their occupational engagement. The Occupational Therapist can practice independently or as a part of a multi-disciplinary team and has a minimum qualification of a baccalaureate degree.*

Therefore, it is hereby directed that the aforesaid professionals can provide preventive, curative, rehabilitative, therapeutic and promotional health services related to their profession only and cannot prescribe medicines or provide allopathic treatment, drugs or any medications that fall outside the scope of practice of Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy Professionals.

Accordingly, Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy Professionals are required to adhere to the NCAHP Act 2021, rules, regulations and guidelines issued, thereunder. In case of violation of any provisions, penal action may be initiated under Section 59 of the NCAHP Act, 2021.


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