



1 (ii) Examination;  
2 (iii) Tests;  
3 (iv) Consultation;  
4 (v) Surgery;  
5 (vi) Treatment;  
6 (vii) and all other Health Care Services provided by the Private  
7 Sector.

Prohibition on  
NHIS

8 **3.** Private Health Care Centres are by the provisions of this Act ban  
9 from participating in the operation of National Health Insurance Scheme  
10 unless as provided in section 6b (i) (ii) and (iii)-

11 (i) All National Health Insurance Scheme providers shall ensure  
12 transfer of enrolled Federal Public and Civil Servants from Private Health Care  
13 Centres to Public Health Care Centres in the country.

Supervision and  
Enforcement

14 **4.** The provisions of this Act shall be supervised and enforced by:

15 (a) The Code of Conduct Bureau which shall:

16 (i) Provide and include the relevant and required enforcement articles  
17 into their proforma (forms) to be distributed to Federal Public and Civil  
18 Servants requesting for information under Oat in respect to Schools and Health  
19 Care Centres for respective patronage;

20 (ii) Cross-examination of the provided information for any possible  
21 violation at least every six (6) months;

22 (iii) Invite violators for investigation;

23 (iv) Array Violators for prosecution in accordance to the provisions of  
24 this Act;

25 (v) The Bureau shall incorporate the services of any relevant Agency  
26 to carryout any required activity that will make the attainment of this mandate  
27 successful.

28 (b) The Independent Corrupt Practices and other related Offences  
29 Commission (ICPC):

30 (i) The Commission shall formulate guidelines In collaboration with

1 the provisions of section 4(a) for its successful participation in the conduct  
2 and enforcement of the provisions of this Act.

3 (c) The police force-

4 (i) The Police and other law enforcement Agencies shall  
5 apprehend, remand and prosecute violators in accordance with the  
6 provisions of this Act.

7 (d) The Independent Whistle Blowers who individually shall  
8 report/co-r-plain to the relevant Authorities.

9 **5.** (a) A Public Servant that violates the provisions of this Act shall  
10 be liable to:

Penalty/Sanctions  
for violations

11 (i) Fine of five hundred thousand (N500,000) Naira for each  
12 violation;

13 (ii) Relief of his/her Federal public service appointment  
14 (dismissal);

15 (iii) Imprisonment in a Correctional Centre for a period of nothing  
16 less than three (3) months;

17 (iv) If the violator is serving with any allied public institutions  
18 absconded for the private institute, the violator shall be liable to any two or  
19 all of the items (i),

20 (ii) and (iii) as contained in section 5(a).

21 (b) A Civil Servant that violates the provisions of this Act shall be  
22 liable to:

23 (i) First offender, two weeks imprisonment in correctional  
24 Institution or a fine of N200,000.00 (Two Hundred Thousand Naira) or both;

25 (ii) A fine of Three Hundred Thousand (N300,000.00) Naira for  
26 each violation;

27 (iii) Relief of his/her civil service appointment (dismissal);

28 (iv); Imprisonment in a Correctional Centre for a period of nothing  
29 less than two (2) months;

30 (v) If the violator is serving with any allied Public Institution

1 absconded for a Private Institute, the violator shall be liable to any two or all the  
2 items (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) as contained in section 5(b);

3 (c) Any Private Service Provider of the National Health Insurance  
4 Scheme that violates the provisions of this Act commits a punishable offence  
5 and shall be liable to:

6 (i) A fine of 1 Million Naira (N 1,000,000.00) per violation;

7 (ii) Suspension of the licenses to practice for nothing less than three  
8 months;

9 (iii) Cancellation of license to practice;

10 (iv) Imprisonment in the National Correctional Centre for nothing  
11 less than three months;

12 (v) Any of two or three items as provided for in 5(c)(i) (ii) (iii) or (iv).

Exemptions

13 **6.** A Public or Civil Servant may be exempted from the prohibitions  
14 as contained in this Act when:

15 (a) The course of study intended to be pursued is:

16 (i) Confirmed by the Federal Ministry of Education not to be  
17 offered/available in any equivalent Public Institution in Nigeria;

18 (ii) When the immediate family member of the Federal Public or Civil  
19 servant resides outside Nigeria and enrolled in the Private Institution prior to  
20 the appointment of the Public or Civil Servant or prior to the commencement of  
21 this Act;

22 (iii); When a waiver is obtained from the Honourable Minister for  
23 Education or his representative.

24 (b) When the particular Health Care Service is:

25 (i) Confirmed by the Ministry of Health not to be available in any  
26 Public Health Care Unit in Nigeria;

27 (ii); When the immediate family member of the Federal Public or  
28 Civil Servant earlier resides outside Nigeria and is already receiving treatment  
29 in the Private Health Care Centre prior to the appointment of the Public or Civil  
30 Ser ant or prior to the commencement of this Act;

1 (iii) when a waiver is obtained from the Hon. Minister of Health or  
2 his representative.

3 7. (a) The application of the provisions of this Bill shall be: Application

4 (i) One (1) year (twelve calendar months) after the president's  
5 ascent to the Bill and the Act by order published in the Federal Government  
6 Gazette;

7 (ii) A one year (twelve (12) calendar months) grace to the Public or  
8 Civil Servant to enable adjustment, amendments and withdrawal from  
9 Private Schools and Health Care Centre as case may be preparatory to  
10 compliance with the provisions of this Act;

11 (iii) One (1) year (12 months) calendar month grace to all National  
12 Health Insurance Scheme beneficiaries and providers to ensure migration  
13 from private care providing Institutions to Public Care providing  
14 institutions.

15 8. In this Bill- Interpretation

16 "All Public and Civil Servants" mean, those persons that are being engaged  
17 by the Federal Government to provide services on either elected or  
18 appointed positions and are paid salary or allowances from the treasury of  
19 the Federal Government, State and Local Governments;

20 "Elected officers" mean; President, Vice President, Senators, House of  
21 Representative Members, Governors, Deputy Governors Local  
22 Government Chairmen, Councilors and Members of State Assembly;

23 "Political Appointees" mean SGF, Chief of Staff, Members of the Executive  
24 Council (Ministers), SAs, SLAs, LAs, PAs, Secretaries, Executive  
25 Directors, Executive Chairmen, Executive Secretaries, Director General,  
26 Commission and Board Members of State and Local Government including  
27 Honourable Commissioners in the State Ministries;

28 "Civil Servants" include: HOSF, Permanent Secretaries, Directors, Deputy  
29 Directors, Assistant Directors, Chiefs, Deputy Chief Officers, Principal  
30 Officers and all other employees under the provisions of the Federal, State

1 and Local Government Civil Service;  
2 "Prohibition in this Bill means, "ban from" ;  
3 "Prohibition enforcement" here means, the method and agency responsible for  
4 ensuring compliance;  
5 "Penalty/sanctions" here mean, the punishment/consequences for violators.  
6 "Exemption" in this Bill means, exceptional cases permissible;  
7 "Commencement" here means, the time the Bill will start being operational;  
8 "Immediate family member in this Bill means legally married couples and the  
9 biological offsprings of the Federal Public or Civil Servant.

Short title

10 **9.** This Bill may be cited as the Private Institutions and Health Care  
11 Service Providers (Prohibition) Bill, 2025.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to prohibit all Public and Civil servants including their immediate Family Members from patronizing Private Schools and Health Care Services in order to avoid conflict of interest, maintain public trust and ensure high uncompromised standards and integrity of these Public Institutions.